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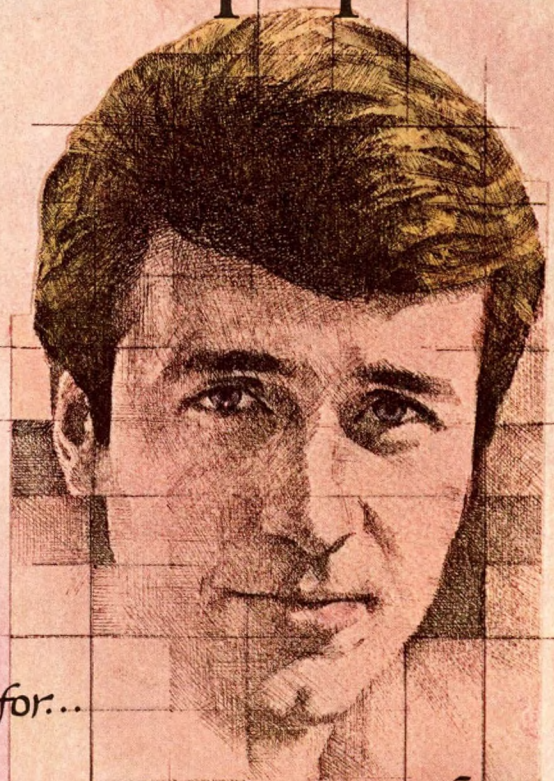

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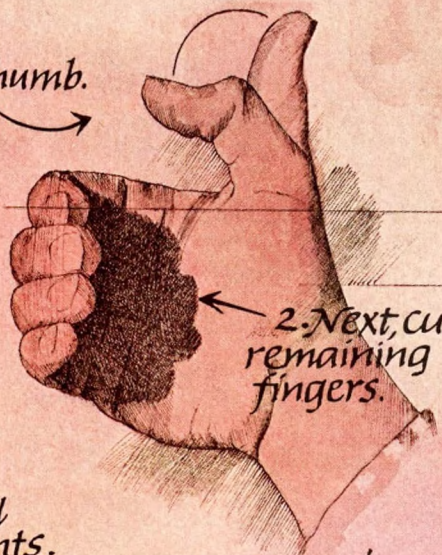

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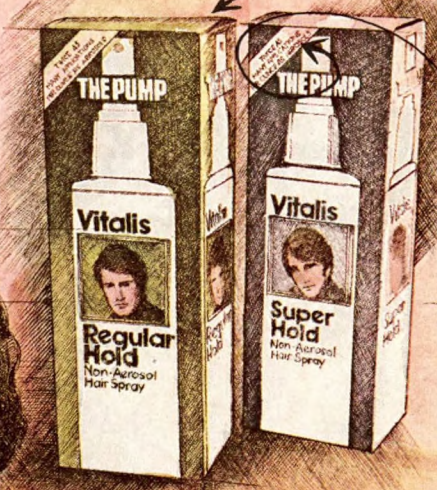

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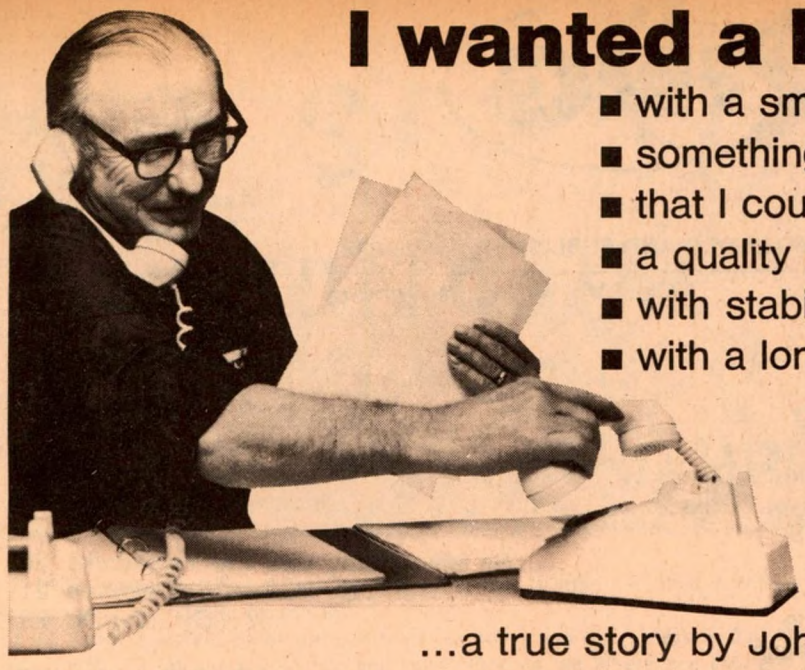

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AN EDITORIAL

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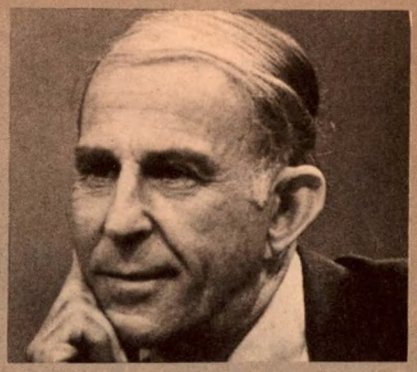

SINCE 1922, when *The Ring* Magazine was born, this column has been devoted to the various problems connected with boxing and the remedies that could be put into operation.

One of the most important problems is that of the boxer and the protection that the various boxing commissions as well as the WBC and WBA can provide by adequate guidance and rules. Despite the divergence between the WBA and the WBC and the different state bodies ruling boxing in their various bailiwicks, much good has developed over the years to benefit the pugilist.

With licensing of boxers and approval of specific fights, commissions have insisted upon fighters' taking physicals to insure their being in proper shape, thereby attempting to insure a minimum of damage to the contestants. As the years have passed, regulations putting a fighter on the suspended list of from thirty to sixty days when knocked out in a fight have been invoked to insure that such a fighter would have time to recuperate before again entering a ring.

Of course, the lack of cooperation between all segments of the ruling boxing salons have often led to his being able to fight in one area while being banned in another. This is an unfortunate situation for which there is no remedy except the formation of a single boxing body with the power to enforce such rules everywhere in the U.S. Such an organization would obviously be more acceptable to ruling bodies outside the U.S. and working arrangements could be worked out that would operate with a single purpose rather than the divergence now found in all areas.

Up to now, no one body has attempted to put into operation a plan that would protect the fighter when his fighting days are over. At that time, a boxer must look to his own welfare, both as to his health and financial security.

Recently, however, the WBC has appointed a committee to investigate and bring back recommendations on the possibility of pensions for fighters. We heartily concur in anything that would help the fighter, either during his active participation in the ring or in providing security when the curtain has finally come down on his career.

We congratulate the WBC for thinking of the fighters and probing in this area but we are doubtful if anything can come out of the WBC subcommittee that will be useful.

Why, you may ask? Because, to develop a pension fund and a fund that will aid a fighter medically when he has hung up his gloves, money would have to be obtained one of several ways, if not in all ways. Money would have to come out of every promotion and be set aside by the promoter, a percentage donated by said promoter and a percentage by the fighters and their managers. To make this work, the plan would have to have legal teeth: it would have to be enforced, with no loopholes, insuring that whenever a fighter fought within the U.S., the money coming to those governing the pension fund would be turned over to them. It would seem that whoever was the custodian of such a fund should be under federal control with suitable audits to insure the proper administration of the monies which belonged to the fighters.

In no way do I see how any one body, such as the WBC, can enforce such a plan. Even if the WBA and WBC got together, the plan would lack federal control, which means a federal commission, which this corner has been screaming for over the years.

The idea is a gem, but, like many worthwhile thoughts, that's all it can be unless carried out by those who can insure its being carried out with proper legal enforcement.

It is rare indeed to find managers who take the time out to set up a plan for their fighters that insures their futures. Only in a few cases have managers had the welfare of their fighters at heart and protected them and even then the fighters themselves often forget that there is a tomorrow and spend their incomes as if such money would never end.

What we come down to is forcing promoters, fighters and managers to accept the saving of money out of income to guarantee each fighter's future. Much like other pension funds, the amounts derived by the fighter would have to correlate with his period of activity and the amount that he earned and paid into the fund.

There is no problem any more than in any other sport in setting up a plan, but there are serious blocks to the implimenting of such a plan unless it is under one body with the power to see that it is legally carried out; and the WBC, despite its good intentions, does not have the power by itself to carry out such a plan.

One has only to look at the various weight classes and the number of WBC and WBA champions to see that if these bodies refuse to join hands and recognize one champion in each division, there is little chance if any, for them to carry out a pension plan. A further hazard is the amount of money involved and the hassles over how it would be invested, who would have control, *et. al.* In short, until we have an official federal boxing commission in the U.S., the plans of mice and men are just that: plans.

IS BOB ARUM BOX-

By RONALD WHITSEN

Bob Arum and Top Rank Promoted Thirteen World Title Fights in 1977. Four Title Bouts Were Seen On One Program For The First Time in Forty-One Years When Top Rank Promoted The "Carnival of Champions" at the Louisiana Superdome

Bob Arum, board chairman of Top Rank, the greatest fight promoter on the scene today.

THE immortal Mike Jacobs predicted it all more than forty years ago. The greatest fight promoter of his time foresaw the impact of television in relation to the boxing game. Jacobs said that fights would be staged in comfortable arenas seating about 6,000 people. Untold millions would view the fisticuffs from the comfort of their living rooms or in theatres around the globe.

Enter Bob Arum, board chairman of Top Rank, the greatest fight promoter on the scene today who has fulfilled all the predictions made by Mike Jacobs. In 1977, Arum and Top Rank promoted thirteen world title bouts. In November and December of 1977, two non-title heavyweight elimination matches, two title bouts and a weightlifting spectacular featuring the Olympic Superheavyweight star of the Soviet Union, Vasily Alexeev, were presented within a period of forty days! As *Ring* Magazine went to press with this article sixteen title matches were already fought in 1978 with two or three other championship bouts planned for the last two months of the year. Through August 5, Top Rank had staged twelve world title fights which involved television on the three major networks of the United States.

Mike Jacobs would have been proud of the accomplishments of Bob Arum. Especially since Arum for the first time in forty-one years and, for the second time in boxing history, equalled Jacobs' 1937 Polo Grounds production of four title bouts on one program by promoting four championship matches at the Louisiana Superdome last September 15.

Just who is Bob Arum, recently described by a respected sportswriter as "the tallest tree in the jungle of boxing?" Well, the times they are a-changing and the old denizens of Bashed Beak Boulevard or the Hollywood guys from Central Casting would have a hard time putting the make on Arum as a fight promoter.

He is not brash or loud either in dress or manner. Yes, he does smoke cigars, the fine kind. And he doesn't chomp on them. Actually he's more like a Harvard-educated lawyer, which he happens to be.

Bob is one of the bright young men who graduated with honors from Harvard Law School in 1956, and got to know and became deeply involved with John F. Kennedy. After practicing law for four years, he joined the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York where he served under Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in charge of the Tax Division. He won landmark U.S. government cases against Con Edison, R. H. Macy, Stavros Niarchos, and other corporate ginats. A colleague from those years remembers, "Arum knew more tax law than anyone I have ever met."

"How does a Harvard Law School grad make it into the fight game?" a visitor to the Park Avenue offices of Arum asked.

Arum, who looks every inch the lawyer with his dark, conservative suits and tinted glasses took the questioner back to 1962, the year Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston were matched for the heavyweight championship in Chicago.

"A source had told the government that the principals running the promotion were planning to ship cash immediately to Switzerland," Arum recalled. "It was a calculating move, but not an illegal one which could aid them in their tax negotiations."

"The Internal Revenue Service made a jeopardy assessment" Arum continued, "and I was sent to Chicago to handle the case. I got to know a lot of boxing people and I was fascinated by them and the wonderful business of boxing."

After the murder of John F. Kennedy, and later his brother Robert, a disenchanted Arum left government service to practice

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law in the private sector. Where his previous interests lay in all other sports but boxing, Arum found himself reading about the pugilistic sport and going to the fights from time to time. However, it was more than three years after the Patterson-Liston Chicago fight that he was asked by the promoters of the Ali vs. Chuvalo fight to represent them legally. Through former football star Jimmy Brown, he met Muhammad Ali. Soon, he was deeply involved in telecasts and promotions of Ali-Henry Cooper, Ali-Karl Mildenberger, Ali-Cleveland Williams and Ali-Ernie Terrell bouts.

Top Rank, Inc. was formed in 1970 by Arum and Mike Malitz, whose late father, Lester, was a television fight broadcast executive who developed the Friday night weekly boxing specials during the 1950's. Malitz, a Princeton grad, is the grandson of the legendary promoter, Lew Raymond, who, coincidentally, staged some of his biggest matches in New Orleans.

"How long will you remain in boxing" Arum was asked.

He looked at the reporter as though he had taken leave of his senses. "I love the game and the people in it. It's exciting to match boxers properly so that people are attracted to watch. I want to make it clear that it's a very honest sport and business."

Arum takes great pride in the fact that he told the world press two months before the Ali-Spinks first title fight in Las Vegas that they, the fourth estaters, would apologize to him for calling the fight a mismatch. He had tabbed Leon as a worthy contender and, of course, was proven right. He really knew the boxing business.

As for the future of boxing, Arum made glowing predications.

"For one thing, with the exit of Ali, so dominant a personality from the center stage, other heavyweights will get their share of the limelight, said Arum. "I hope that Ali will remain in boxing in some capacity. Of course, boxing alone cannot contain him. I feel he is a healing force for goodness in people all over the world. I have had preliminary discussions with him and asked him to stay in the boxing business as an executive with Top Rank."

"Other lower weight divisions will get their day in the spotlight," the 47-year-old promoter explained. "While a heavyweight title bout is still the rarest jewel in boxing, we were never dependent on heavyweight championship fights to keep Top Rank going. We helped clear up the middleweight muddle which made Hugo Corro the undisputed champion. Top Rank has showcased, especially through television, many boxers in divisions right down to the bantamweights, who would otherwise be unknown. Names like Carlos Palomino, Danny Lopez, Jorge Lujan, Mike Rossman, Rocco Mattioli and so many others have been given world-wide recognition through our promotions. I'd like to go back to the heavyweight division and nominate John Tate as a man to watch," he concluded.

When not involved in boxing, Arum is an unabashed sports freak. Either in person in attendance or with three television sets going at home he is passionately rooting for his knicks, Mets, Jets, Giants, Rangers, or any team with "New York" emblazoned on their shirts.

The senior partner of the prestigious law firm of Arum, Friedman and Katz calls the upper East Side of New York his home. He is married to the former Sybil Hamada who shares his love of boxing.

He's light years removed from Brooklyn, where he grew up. As a youngster, he was an outstanding Talmudic scholar. He finds Biblical law guiding many of his business decisions and personal relationships, although he laughs easily and is not a religious zealot.

"So what's a nice Jewish boy from Brooklyn doing in a business like boxing?" someone once asked.

"Very nicely" was the answer. There is no doubt that too many people, Bob Arum will always rank tops.

(Above) Bob and Muhammad Ali. Top Rank promoted both Ali-Spinks championship bouts. (Below) Arum and his lovely wife, the former Sybil Hamada. Mrs. Arum shares her husband's love of boxing.

WBC heavyweight champion Larry Holmes. Norton, Young, and Ozzie Ocasio are his three challengers.

Leon Spinks and Muhammad Ali at a New Orleans press conference. The winner of their return bout will not have far to look for his next challenger.

THE HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP BEAT

By JOHN ORT

With two heavyweight kings, the WBA and World Champion, the winner of the Spinks-Ali fight and the WBC's so-called king, Larry Holmes, there should be plenty of action for other boys in the division over the next twelve months.

There are fifteen men in the rankings of "The Ring" WBA and WBC who may get a shot at one of the two champions. We have tried to give the reader a little insight into their chances, if any, and against whom.

KALLIE KNOETZE
South Africa
1978 Record
Wins 3, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 3

Next in line for the world title. Will fight the winner of the Spinks-Ali contest before the end of the year in Las Vegas, Nev. Biggest win to date over Duane Bobick. Other wins; Mike Schutte, Raul Gorosito and Richard Dunn. Defeated only once, by fellow South African Gerri Coetzee.

Knoetze is seen as the next challenger for the WBA-world heavyweight championship. Here he kayoes Britain's Richard Dunn in the fifth round at Johannesburg, September 10, 1977.

OZZIE OCASIO
San Juan, Puerto Rico
1978 Record
Wins 2, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 0

Scored a major upset over Jimmy Young on the Holmes-Norton WBC title contest in Las Vegas, Nev. Undefeated heavyweight scoring nine knockouts in twelve bouts. Some other wins, Frank Schram, Ed Turner, Gene Idoletti and Kevin Isaacs. Still a year or two away from a shot at the WBC title.

Osvaldo (Ozzie) Ocasio is still a year or two away from a shot at the WBC title. In Las Vegas, on the undercard to Norton-Holmes, he won an upset split decision over Jimmy Young.

KEN NORTON
San Diego, Calif.
1978 Record
Wins 0, Defeats 1, Draws 0, KO's 0

The ex-WBC champion. Lost title given to him by WBC Prez. Jose Sulaiman to Larry Holmes in Las Vegas in June of this year. Norton's big wins: Jimmy Young, Muhammad Ali, Duane Bobick, Boone Kirkman and Lorenzo Zanon to name a few. Good chance of a rematch with Holmes. The best T.V. match available to the WBC champion. First bout a real war.

Ken Norton is in line for a return bout with his conqueror, Larry Holmes. Here he crashes a left hook across the chin and neck of Duane Bobick in Madison Square Garden, May 11, 1977.

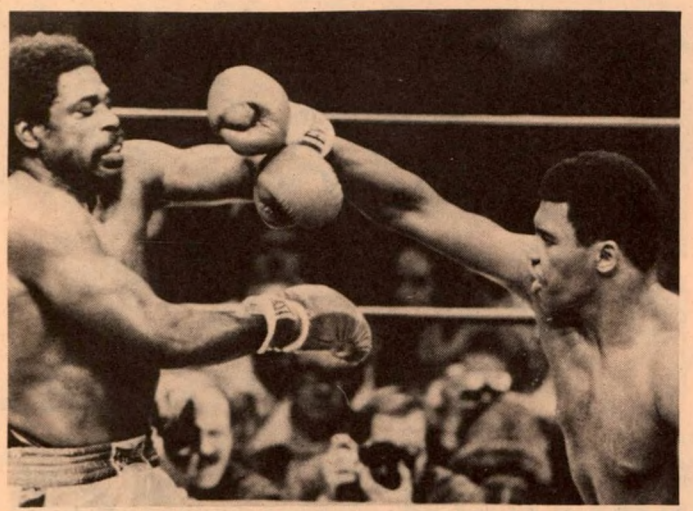
Olympic bronze medalist John Tate needs another win over a name heavyweight to put himself in line for a world title shot. Photo shows him knocking out Lou Esa.

JOHN TATE
Knoxville, Tenn.
1978 Record
Wins 5, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 4

Upset WBC heavyweight, Colombia's Bernardo Mercaro, in Madison Sq. Garden. This young undefeated puncher will be biven a shot after Knoetze at the WBA-World title if he can score another win over a name heavyweight. Some other wins: Leon Shaw, Harold Carter, Raul Gorosito, and Eddie Lopez.

JIMMY YOUNG
Philadelphia, Pa.
1978 Record
Wins 0, Defeats 1, Draws 0, KO's 0

Blew a chance to fight Larry Holmes when he was upset on the Holmes-Norton championship card by the unranked Ozzie Ocasio. Needs to score a major victory to get back into the WBC championship picture. Big wins in the past: George Foreman, Ron Lyle and Richard Dunn.



Jimmy Young blew a chance to fight for the WBC title when he lost to Ocasio. Here he is defeating Ron Lyle in a twelve-rounder at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, November 6, 1976.

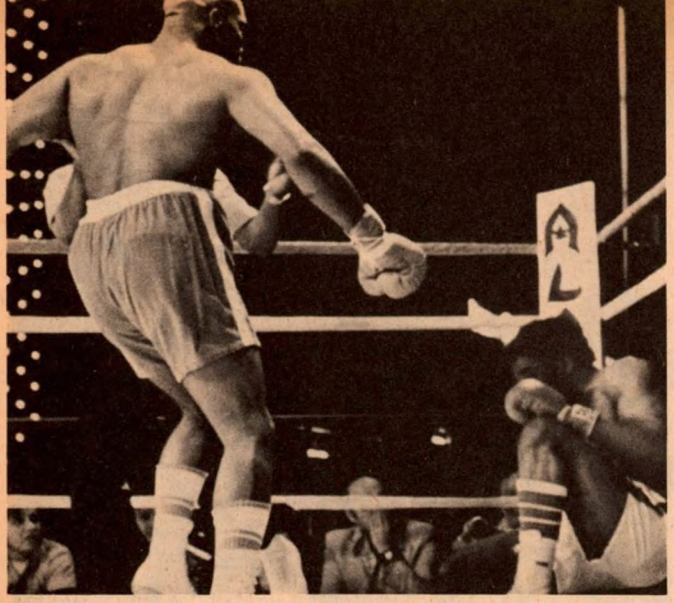
Ron Lyle's trouble with the Denver police caused ABC to cancel a bout early in the year. Photo shows him forcing Jimmy Ellis to the ropes.

RON LYLE
Denver, Colo.
1978 Record
Wins 1, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 1

Ron in trouble with the Denver police over a shooting. ABC-TV pulled out of a bout early in the year due to this. Chances of a shot at either champ at the moment nil. May be able to get back into the picture with a win over another ranked heavy. Some of Ron's better victories: Stan Ward, Joe Bugner, and Earnie Shavers.

EARNIE SHAVERS
Warren, Ohio
1978 Record
Wins 1, Defeats 1, Draws 0, KO's 1

Lost what could have been his last chance of a title contest when he was defeated by Larry Holmes in March of this year. Scored only one win in his last three outings. Some former major wins: Howard Smith, Henry Clark, Jimmy Young, and Cookie Wallace.



Earnie Shavers lost what may have been his last chance at a title shot when he was outpointed by Larry Holmes. Earnie is seen knocking down California's Howard Smith.

Alfredo Evangelista blocks a punch from England's Billy Aird during their European Boxing Union title fight in Leon, Spain, March 4, 1978.

ALFREDO EVANGELISTA

Spain

1978 Record

Wins 3, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 1

Scored an unimpressive record over Jody Ballard on the Holmes-Norton card last June. This may have hurt his chances for a crack at the WBC title. Holds the E.B.U. heavyweight championship. Some wins: Jean-Pierre Coopman, Lucien Rodriguez, and Billy Aird.

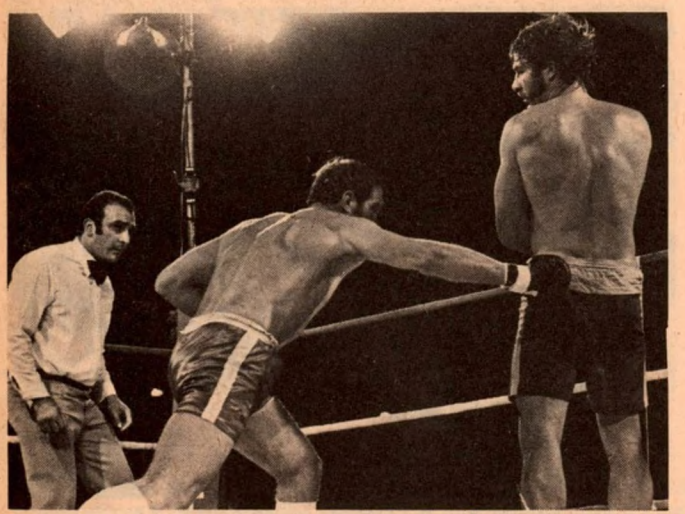
GERRI COETZEE

South Africa

1978 Record

Wins 1, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 0

A bad hand may keep him out of the championship picture for the next few months. Undefeated with a big win over fellow countryman, Kallie Knoetze. Other victories: Johnny Boudreaux, Pierre Fourie, Mike Schutte, and Tom Prater.



South Africa's Gerrie Coetzee takes a right to the beltline from countryman Kallie Knoetze in Johannesburg, October 30, 1976. Coetzee won a close decision. Gerrie is still undefeated.

Scott LeDoux has been out of action since his ten-round draw with Leon Spinks in Las Vegas, October 22, 1977. His chances for a shot at either title are not good. Here he takes a right from Pedro Soto in their bout at Madison Square Garden.

DOMINGO D'ELLA

Santa Fe, Argentina

1978 Record

Wins 2, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 1

A new name in the world heavyweight picture. Loser of one bout in his five-year career. The South American heavyweight champion, beating Brazil's Luis Pires. Look for him to box on the WBA World heavy side. Other big wins: Ruben Gonzalez, Pablo Castellino, and Raul Gorosito.

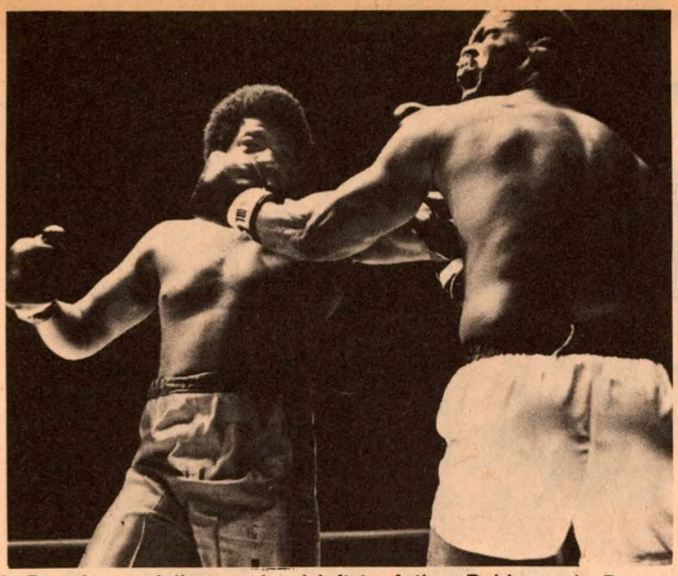
SCOTT LeDOUX

Minneapolis, Minn.

1978 Record

Wins 0, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 0

Out of action since his ten round draw with Leon Spinks, Oct. 22, 1977. Chances for a shot at either title not good. May be used as a win for another up and coming fighter. Wins from the past: Tom Prater, Junior Bentley, Pedro Soto, and Larry Middleton.



LeRoy Jones delivers a hard left to Arthur Robinson in Denver on September 13, 1975.

LEROY JONES

Denver, Colo.

1978 Record

Wins 0, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 0

Undefeated heavyweight with only draw on his record. Has not boxed since Sept. of 1977. Going to box Mike Weaver for the North American title in Las Vegas as we go to press. May box John Tate in Nov. if he gets by Weaver. Wins over both would put him in line for a shot at the WBA-World championship early in 1979. Major wins: John Dennis, Jody Gallard, and George Johnson.

Sacramento's Stan Ward bounces a right off the face of Mike Weaver in their twelve-round fight on January 24, 1978.

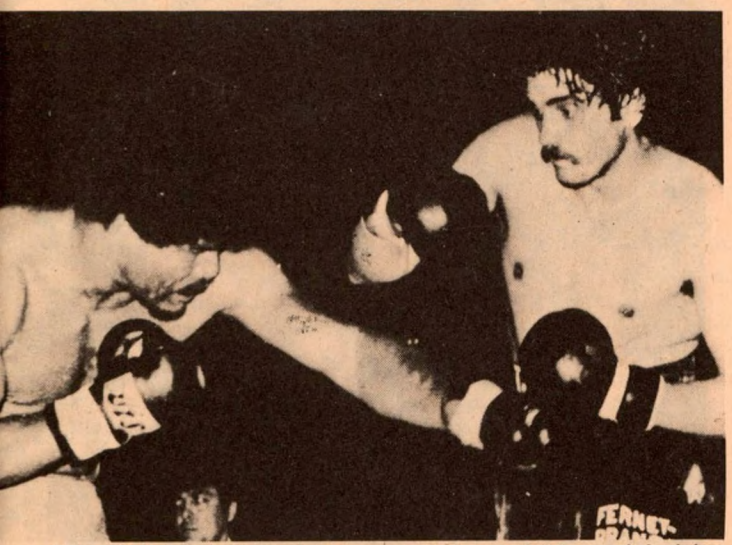
STAN WARD

Sacramento, Calif.

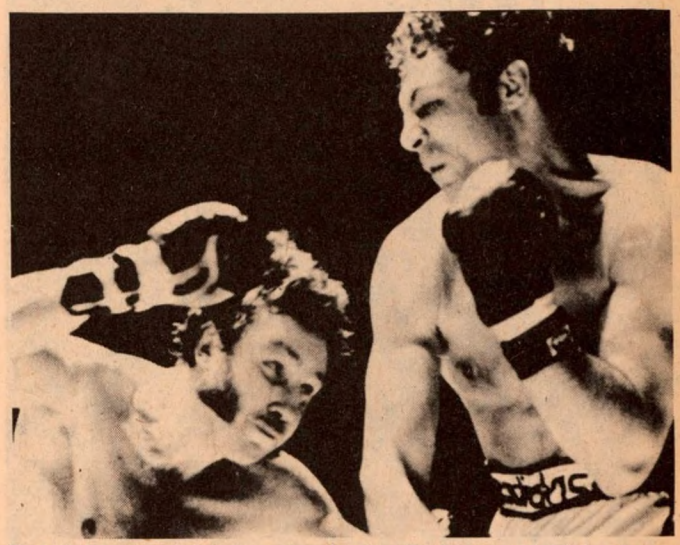
1978 Record

Wins 1, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 0

Boxing as we go to press. Lost only one bout in his career, that to Ron Lyle. Outside chance to box for the WBC title. Scored only nine wins and two draws in his four-year career. Wins: Dwain Bonds, Jody Ballard, Kevin Isaac and Mac Foster.



Alfio Righetti, right, is shown en route to an eight-round decision over Cookie Wallace in Rome, Italy, June 18, 1977. Alfio was undefeated until Leon Spinks outpointed him in Las Vegas.



French heavyweight champion Lucien Rodriguez, right, is shown defeating Belgian champion Jean-Pierre Coopman in Izegem, January 15, 1977. Alfredo Evangelista kayoed Lucien on two occasions.

ALFIO RIGHETTI

Italy

1978 Record

Wins 1, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 0

1977 loser to Leon Spinks in Las Vegas, Nev. Being mentioned to fight WBC champion this fall. Undefeated in all other bouts. Some names: Cookie Wallace, Joe Gholston, Tony Moore, and Dante Cane.

LUCIEN RODRIGUEZ

France

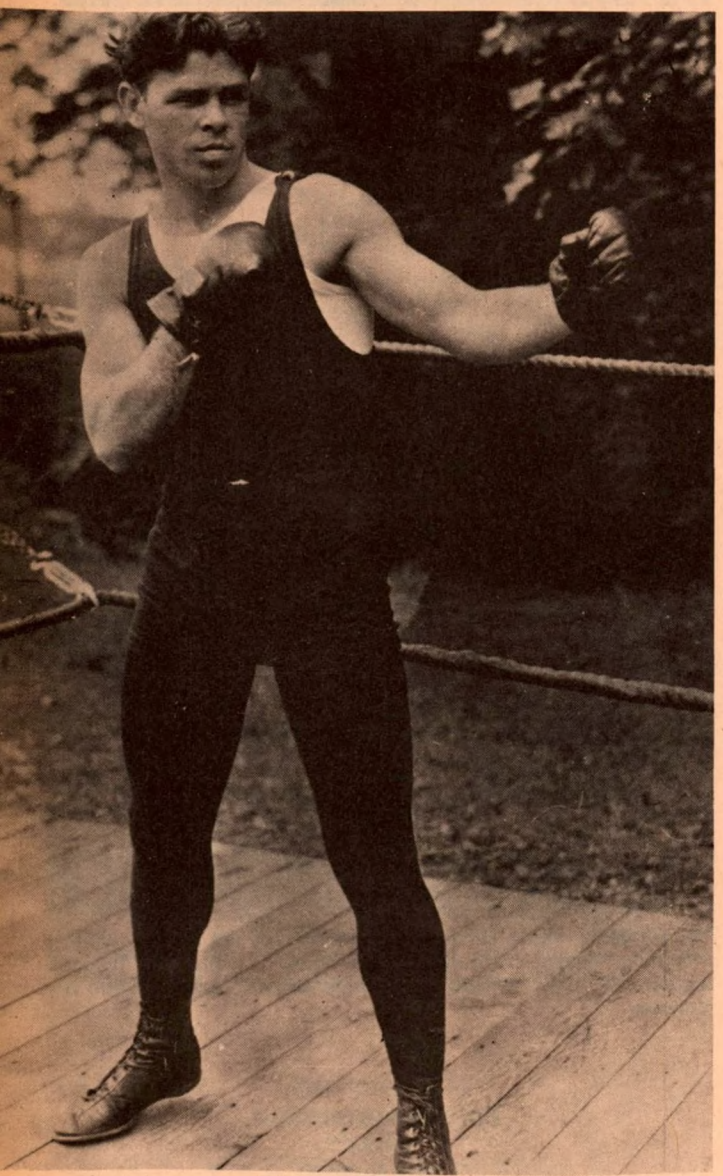
1978 Record

Wins 1, Defeats 0, Draws 0, KO's 1

The French heavyweight champion. Nothing else to put him in line for a shot at the heavyweight championship, WBC style. Lost to Evangelista for the E.B.U. title. Some wins: Jean-Pierre Coopman, Lorenzo Zanon, Neville Meade, and Jean-Pierre Younsi.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF MICKEY WALKER

MICK WAS ONE OF THE GREAT WELTERWEIGHTS AND MIDDLE WEIGHTS. HE WAS MURDER ON THE BIG BOYS, TOO.



Edward Patrick (Mickey) Walker, as he looked when he was middleweight champion of the world. Mickey fought from 1919 to 1935, scoring fifty-nine kayoes in 150 recorded bouts.

Walker, with his hair slicked down, and champion Jack Britton square off prior to their welter title scrap in New York on November 1, 1922. Walker copped a fifteen-round decision and the title. Patsy Haley was the referee.

Mickey on the morning after his big fight with Britton. He still lived with his parents on Bond Street in Elizabeth, N.J. The dog is Chicko, Mickey's German Shepherd.

Mickey with his first wife and their son, October 20, 1924. Walker was then training for his twelve-round bout with Jock Malone in Newark.

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

THEY called Mickey Walker the "Toy Bulldog," and he was. Walker stood but 5'7", but if you were a six-footer, he would get inside your reach and bang your guts out.

July 22, 1931, Ebbets Field, Brooklyn. Mickey Walker vs. Jack Sharkey, fifteen rounds. All night long, Mick's left hook ripped into Sharkey's stomach. In the fourth round, Walker had Jack groggy, on the verge of a knockout. There seemed to be no question at the final bell. The good little man had beaten the good big man. Then came the decision. Referee Arthur Donovan: 11-4, Walker; Judge George Kelly: 8-7, Sharkey. Judge Charles Mathison: 7-7 and one even, a draw!

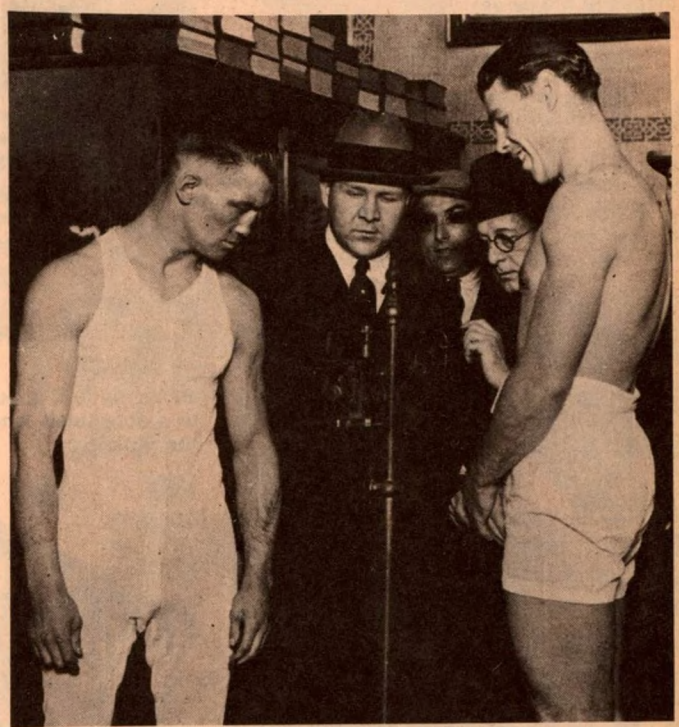
Mickey Walker, 168 pounds, had held 198-pound Jack Sharkey, the future heavyweight champion of the world, to a draw-and beaten him, in the opinion of most people at the ringside. The thirty-pound weight difference hadn't meant a thing—to Walker.

Mickey says that he was born with a black eye. (He weighed twelve pounds at birth. Getting out into the world was his first battle.) There is no reason anyone should doubt his word. You'd know he was a natural born fighter if you ever saw him in the ring.

By 1919, Walker was an entrant in the "punch-for-pay" ranks, fighting, mostly, in Elizabeth, New Jersey, his home town. His star began to rise in 1920, when he kayoed Newark's Banty Lewis in the seventh round. After set backs at the hands of heaiver Lou Bogash and Jock Malone, Mick won the world welterweight title, trouncing veteran Jack Britton in New York, November 1, 1922.

On July 2, 1925, Walker faced the "Pittsburgh Windmill," Harry Greb, in New York's Polo Grounds for the latter's middleweight title. It was one of the wildest nights in ring history. Once, Greb hit the referee, Ed Purdy, by accident, and almost knocked him out of the ring. Purdy sprained his ankle in the seventh round, and it was bedlam after that. Greb won the decision at the end of fifteen rounds. (Later on that evening, so the story goes, Greb and Walker had a return battle, in the street.)

Mickey lost his welter crown when he was upset by Pete Latzo in ten rounds in Scranton, Pennsylvania on May 20, 1926. Then, after he was stopped by Joe Dundee, everybody thought that he was through, that the "good life," had taken its toll on the Toy Bulldog.



"Babe" Cullen weighs in Walker for the Malone fight, as Jock looks on. Mickey and Jock clashed a total of five times.

Mickey fooled them all. He fought back, licking Jock Malone, and then, on December 3, 1926, won the middleweight title, gaining a decision over Tiger Flowers, who had won the crown from Greb in February.

Mickey had his weaknesses. One of them was a tremendous tendency to put on weight. He set his sights on the light heavy crown and scored a one-round kayo over former champ Mike McTigue in Chicago on November 1, 1927. Then, on March 28, 1929, Mick tried to lift the title of that master boxer, Tommy Loughran, also in Chicago. Walker lost a controversial split decision.

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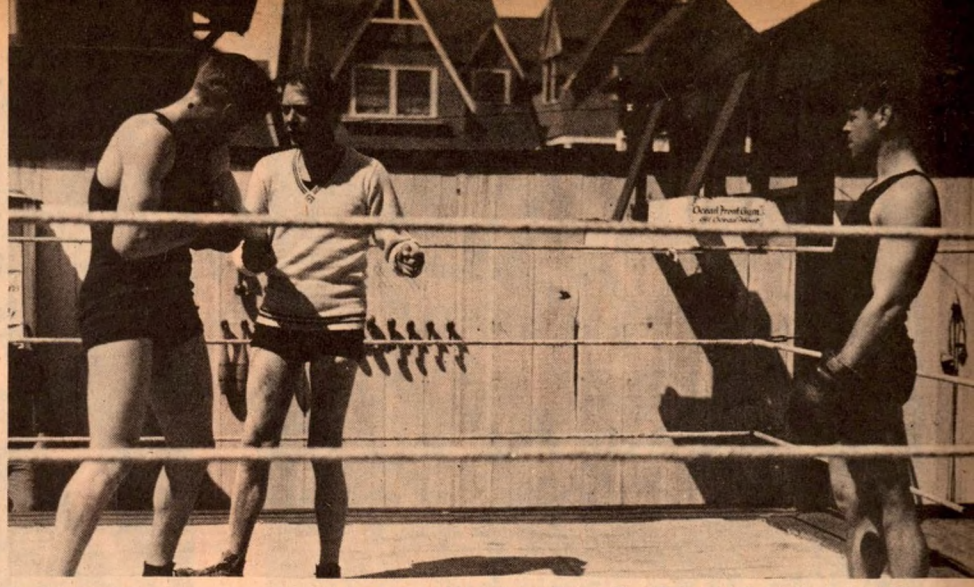
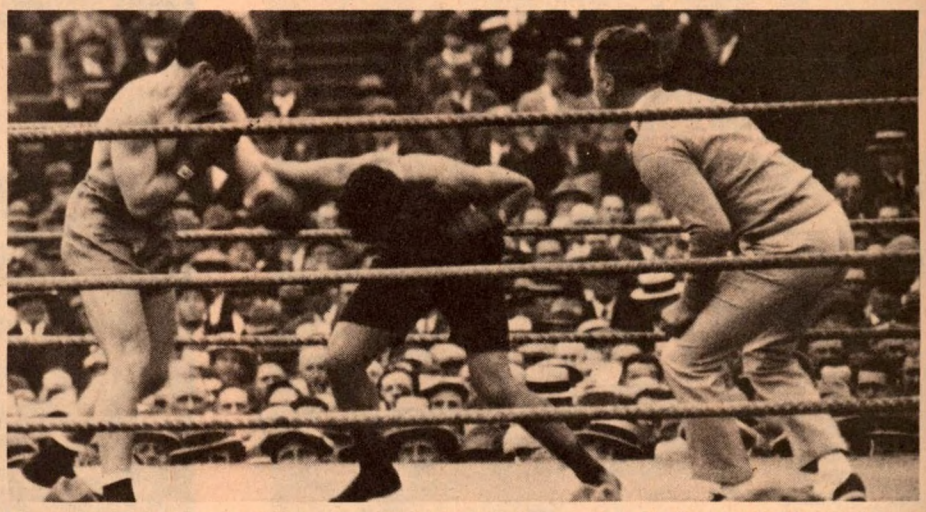
Walker and his manager, Jack (Doc) Kearns. Mickey was also managed by Johnny Anthes and Jack Bulger at various stages of his career.

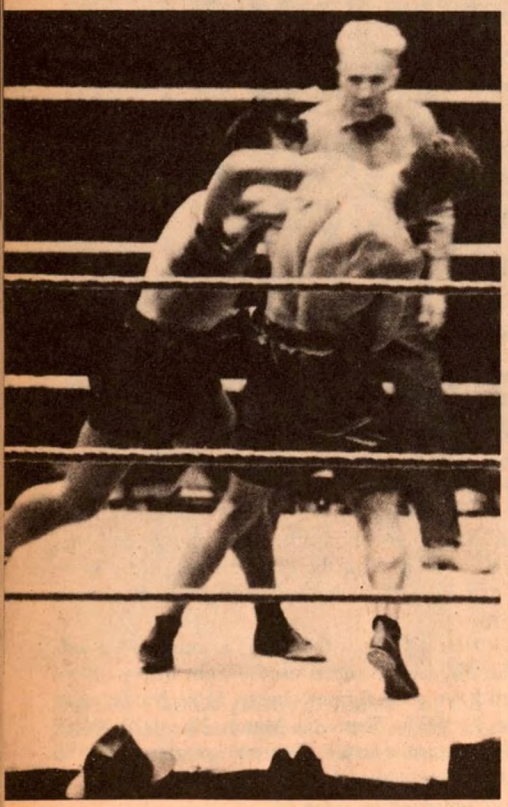


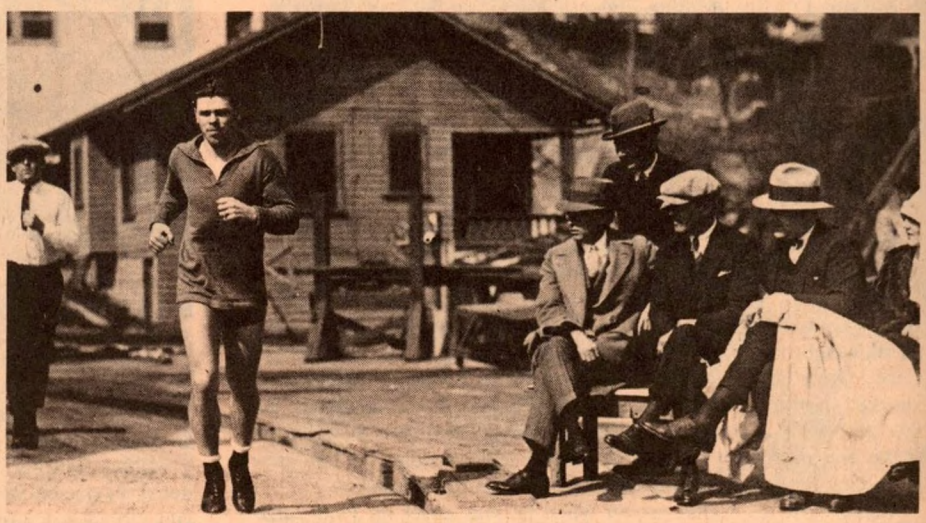
Walker looks on as Jack Kearns instructs Napoleon Dorvall, a French Canadian that Mickey brought to L.A. from Emporia, Pa. Dorvall never made it as a fighter.



Mickey is just about to deliver the right hand that kayoed Lefty Cooper in the first round of a scheduled ten-round bout in San Francisco on May 16, 1925. Referee McGrath is on the right.

September 21, 1925. Dave Shade runs into a Mickey Walker right at Yankee Stadium. Walker won a fifteen-round decision over his archrival and retained his welter title.

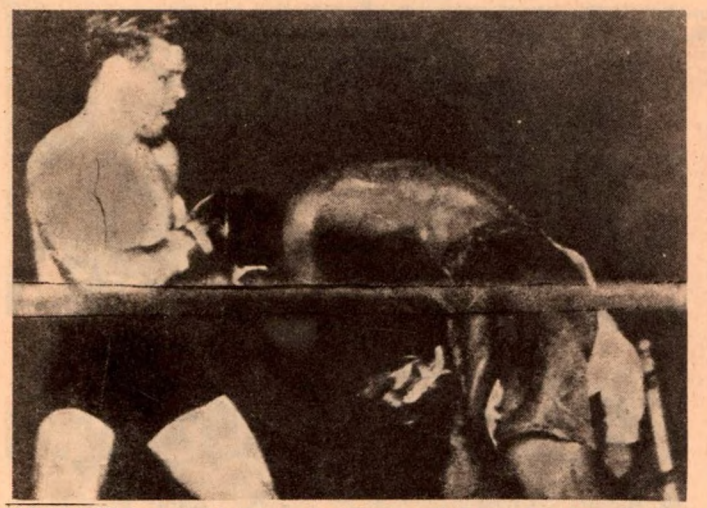


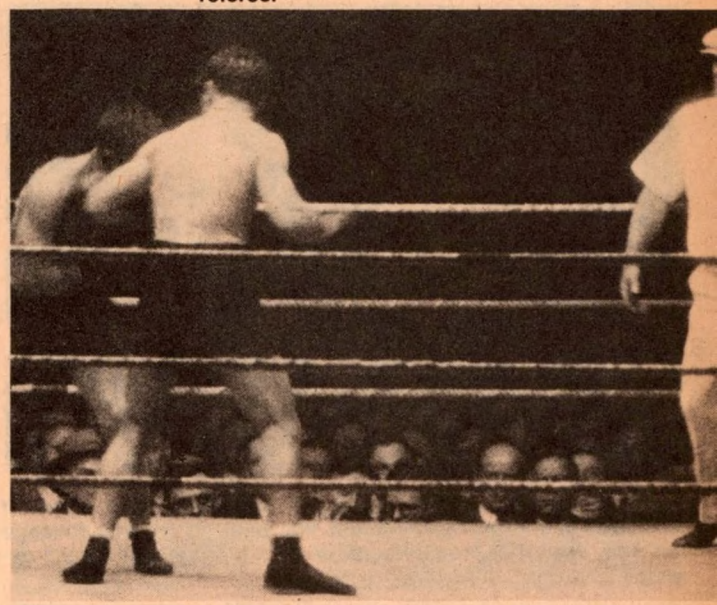


Mickey does his road work while in training. Walker took on poundage easily. He started fighting as a lightweight at the age of seventeen and finished up as a light heavyweight in 1935.

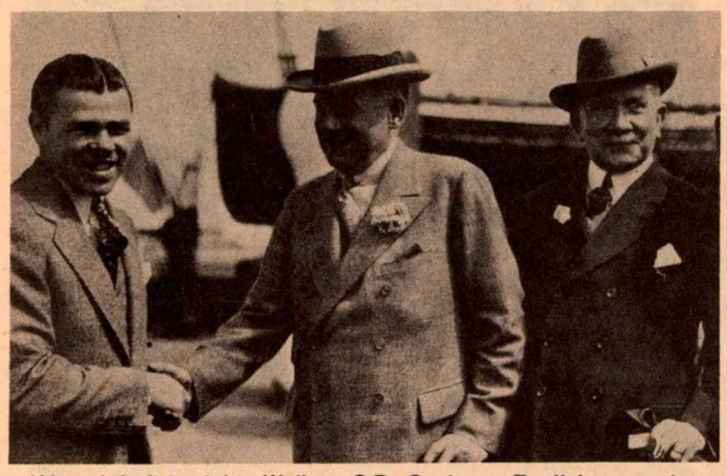
Mickey Walker and Harry Greb sign for their fifteen-round fight at the Polo Grounds in 1925. Left-to-right: Walker, matchmaker Jimmy DeForest, and Greb. Harry won the fight by a decision. It was one of hte wildest contests in the annals of world championship boxing.

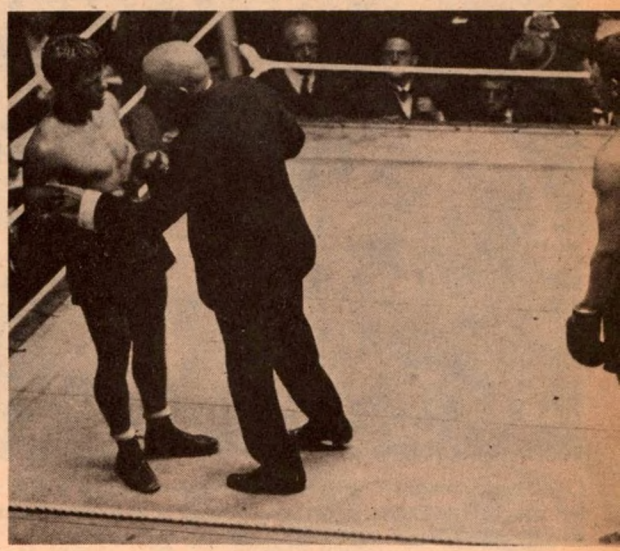
Max Schmeling and Walker shake hands prior to the start of their fight in the Garden Bowl, Long Island City. Trainer Max Machon is on Herr Schmeling's right. Jack Denning is the referee.



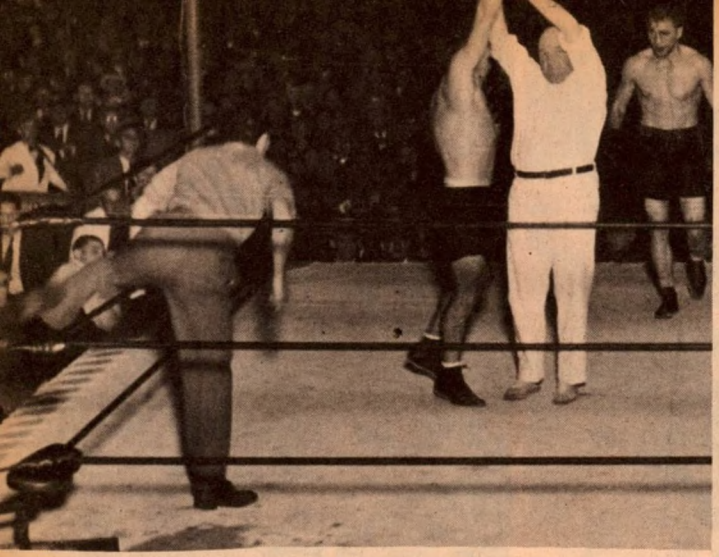


(Above) Mickey in his ten-round fight with Tiger Flowers. Walker won the Georgia Deacon's middleweight title on a very close decision. (Right) Mickey had lost his welter crown to Pete Latzo seven months before the Flowers fight. Walker and Latzo are shown in tenth and last round action.

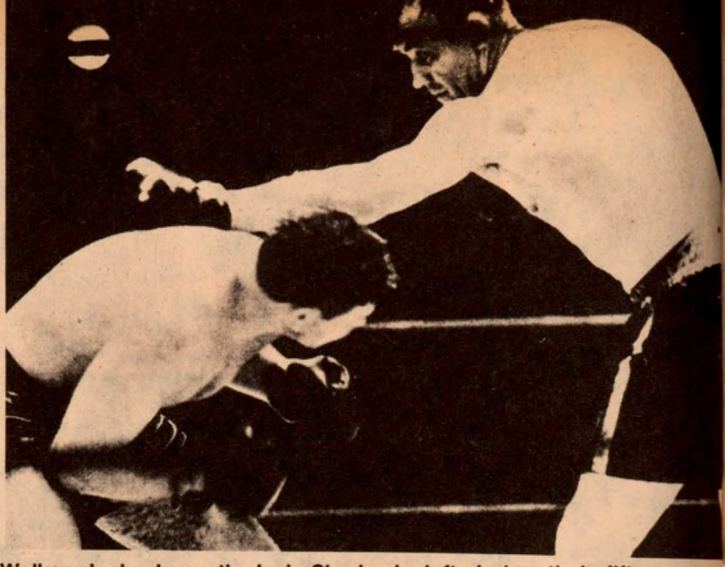




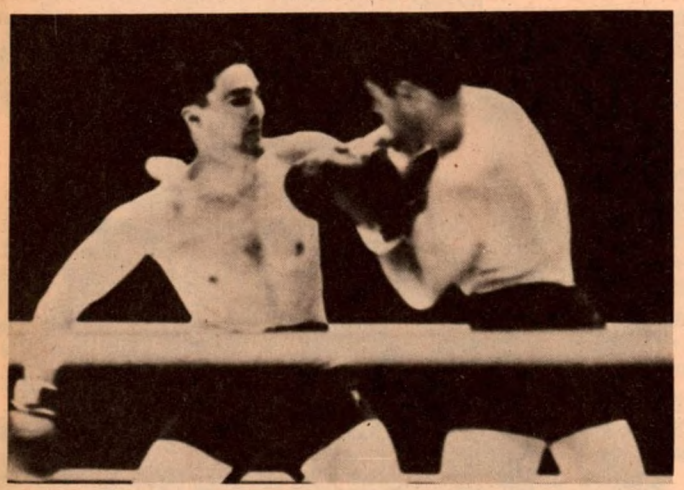
(Above) Left-to-right: Walker, C.B. Cochran, English promoter, and Eugene Corri. Cochran and Corri are shown greeting Mickey on his arrival in Southhampton, England, in 1927. (Right) Referee Corri cautions Walker in the sixth round of his middleweight defense against Tommy Milligan at the Olympia in London. Mickey knocked out Milligan in ten.



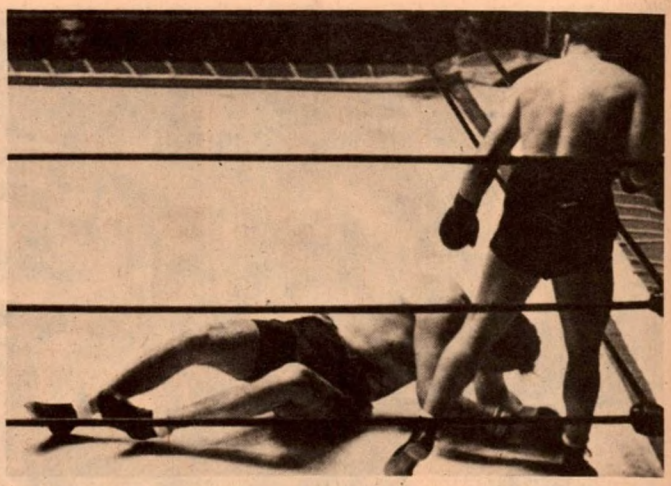
Referee Jack Kennedy raises Walker's hand in victory at the close of Mickey's ten-round middleweight title bout with Ace Hudkins at Wrigley Park, Los Angeles. This was Walker's last official title defense.



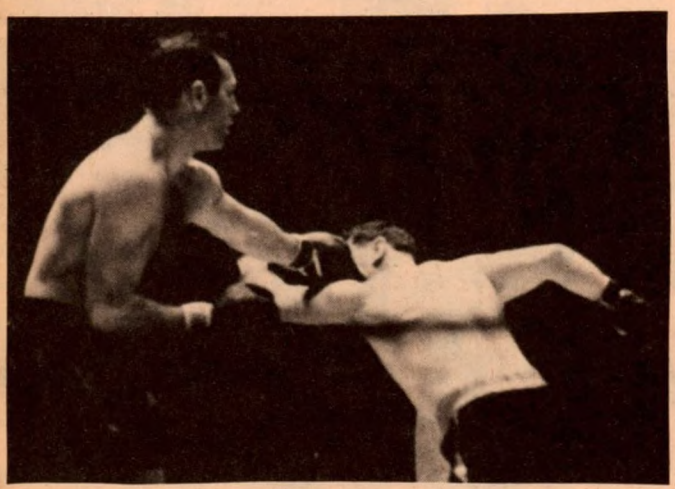
Walker ducks beneath Jack Sharkey's left during their fifteen-rounder at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn. The decision was a draw, but most ring-siders felt that Mickey won it.



The Mick Blocks Tommy Loughran's left in the third round of their ten-round light heavyweight title bout at the new Chicago Stadium, March 28, 1929. Loughran kept his title with a split decision.



Mickey stands over heavyweight contender Arthur De Kuh after knocking him out at 1:24 of the first round of their fight in the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. Walker knocked De Kuh down four times prior to the knockout.



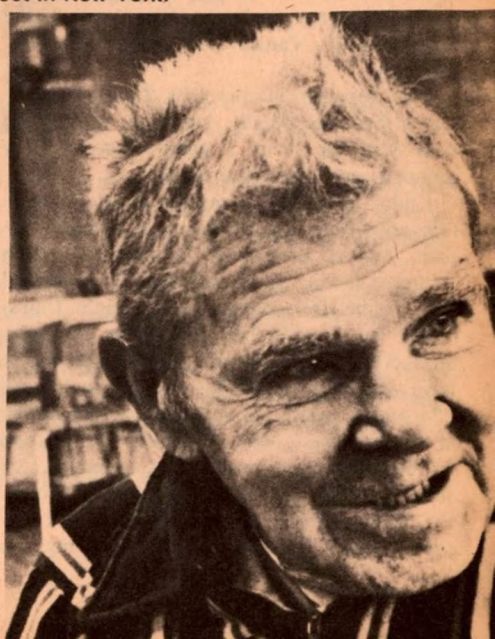
Light heavyweight champion Maxie Rosenbloom lands a straight left on Walker's face in the first round of their title bout in Madison Square Garden. "Slapsie Maxie" won Decision.

Walker attacks Young Corbett in their ten-round bout in San Francisco, August 14, 1934. Mickey, in the twilight of his great career, lost the decision.

Walker took a fling at show biz when his boxing days were over. The cigar doesn't seem to go with all that lip rouge. (Above) Mickey accepts the keys to his new 1955 Mercury from Irwin Cole, president of Cole-Finder, Inc., which awarded car to special guests on the "This Is Your Life" TV show.

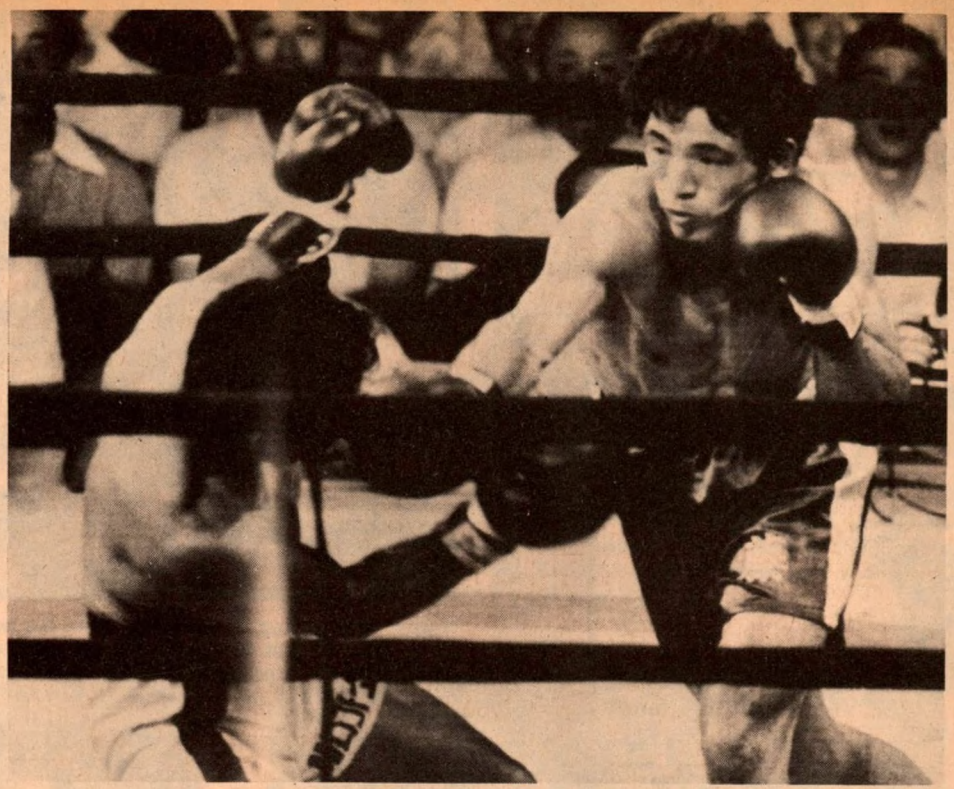
September 6, 1955. Mickey hangs one of his boxing trophies on the wall, among some of his paintings, in his new restaurant,

Walker at his easel. Mickey's paintings have hung in some of the best museums in the country, including the Museum of Modern Art on Fifty-Third Street in New York.



(Above) Sports Celebrity Night at New Castle Army Air Force Base. Left-to-right: Lt. Wilbur J. Hoskins, Group physical training officer; Harry Balogh, announcer at Madison Square Garden; Sam Taub, host of radio's "Hour of Champions"; George Pothner, former world's lightweight wrestling champion; Walker; Harry Willis; and Lt. Harold Martin, assistant physical training officer. (Right) Mickey Walker in 1976.

MASASHI KUDO BECOMES THE SIXTEENTH JAPANESE WORLD CHAMP

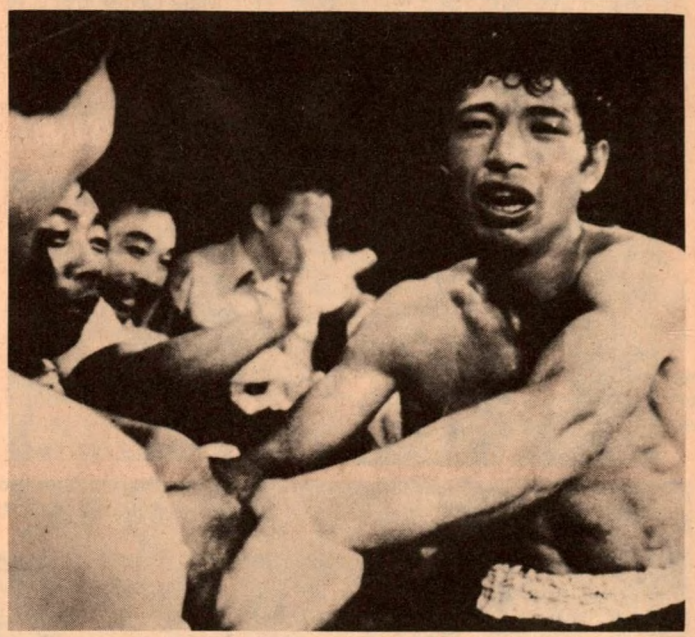


KUDO OUTPOINTS GAZO FOR JR. MIDDLE CROWN

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

AKITA, JAPAN — Hitherto unheralded but undefeated Japanese national champion Masashi Kudo, 153¼ pounds, defeated Nicaragua's Eddie Gazo, WBA junior middleweight titlist at 152¼, by a hairline split decision in fifteen rounds at Akita City Gymnasium of the northern Akita Prefecture from Tokyo. The 26-year-old Eto managed to endure and solve the tricky fighting of Gazo, an Army lieutenant of his country, to gain an upset victory.

There were no knockdowns. Moreover, there were no effective exchanges of rallies throughout the contest. We saw too many clinches. Neither displayed any convincing powers in their punches. Referee Martin Denkin, from California, and Japanese judge Takeo Ugo viewed the monotonous affair 146-143 and 147-145 respectively in favor of the more aggressive Kudo. Nicaraguan judge Noel Castill Vardej had Gazo winning, 146-145.



(Above) Masashi Kudo sends a hard stright right at Eddie Gazo in the second round of their world junior middleweight title bout in Akita, Japan. Kudo won the crown with a split decision. (Right) Kudo receives congratulatory handshakes at the ringside after the decision is announced.

This reporter admits that Kudo was the victor by two points, but also admits the bout was far from a good contest. They grabbed each other repeatedly.

Kudo, who had compiled nineteen wins (eleven within the distance) against no defeats, had no experience in meeting foreign fighters, having only defended his national title of the 160-pound division eight times. Taller by five inches and more muscular around his chest and arms, Kudo appeared to have smoothly made his weight under the 154-pound limit. Gazo, one year his senior at twenty-seven, was crouching so low and so busily that he completely annoyed the scrappy challenger time and again. Unluckily, Gazo suffered a cut over the left eyebrown, which did not become very big, no later than the second session. For the first four rounds, though Kudo tossed longer jabs and one-two combos, he had them missing too often to take the points against the lethargic champion. The fifth round saw Gazo begin to throw some looping rights, which, despite being open blows, occasionally caught the taller target Kudo, an amateur wrestler during his high school days in his native Akita, used his footwork to avert Gazo's sly infighting.

But the Japanese was much bewildered, as expected, by the defending champ's unorthodox mix-up, losing the fifth round by a very slight margin. As the game progressed, Gazo became so negative as to throw a few blows only after being hit by the Japanese prospect.

The ninth and tenth rounds were taken by Kudo due to his aggressiveness. Gazo seemed fading too rapidly to puzzle Kudo much by his vaunted tricky punching, with which the Nicaraguan had dethroned Argentine Miguel Angel Castellini in 1977, and defeated three Oriental challengers; an eleventh round kayo over ex-champ Koichi Wajima, a 15-round close decision over Kenji Shibata, both in Tokyo, and another split decision over Yim Jae-Keun in Korea,

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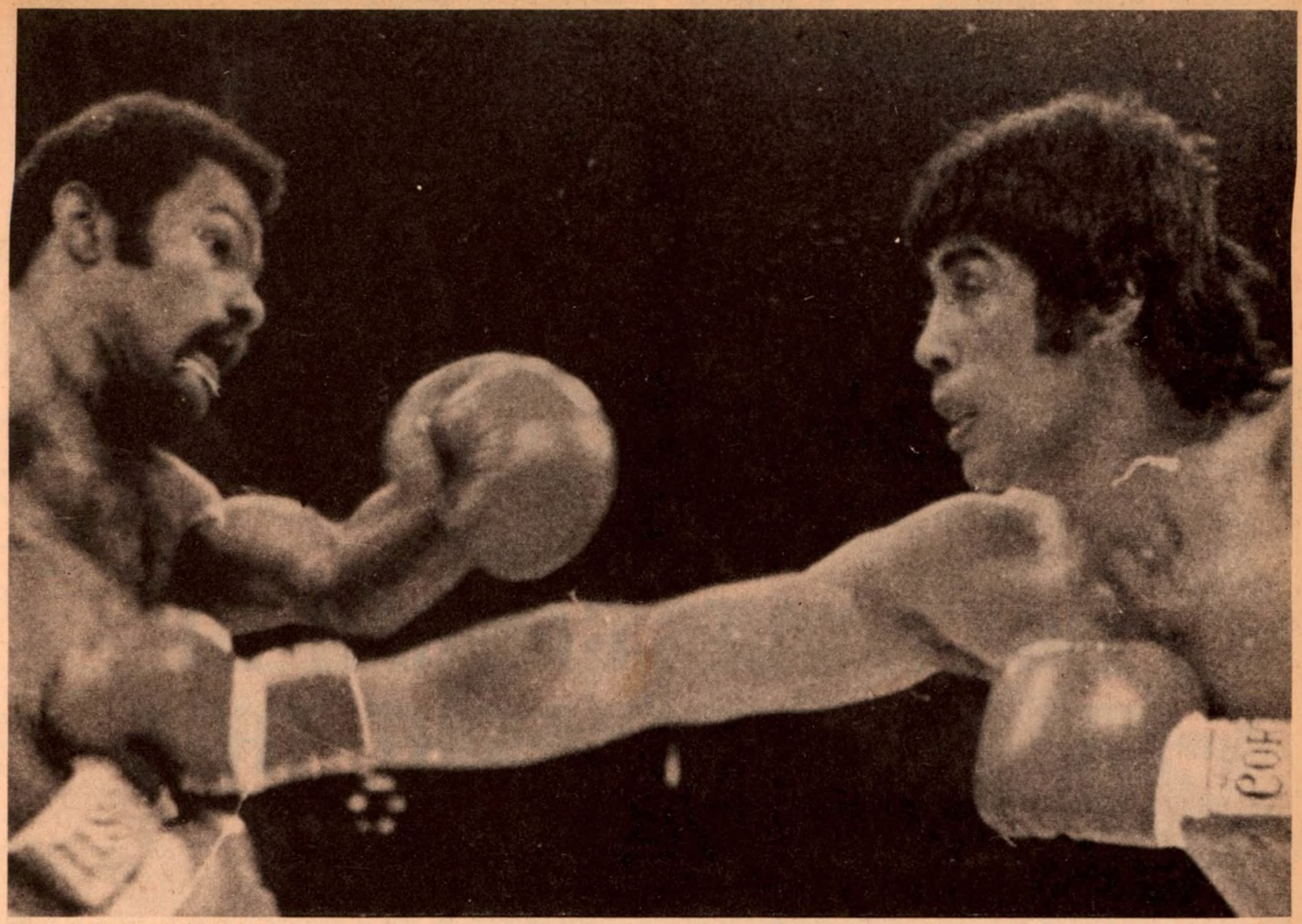

Ronnie Harris backs away from the right jab of world middleweight king Hugo Corro during their fifteen-round title bout in Luna Park Arena, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Corro won unanimous decision.

CORRO RETAINS TITLE, GETS NOD OVER HARRIS

By JOHN ORT

BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA — Hugo Corro, Argentina, retained his world middleweight crown with a fifteen-round unanimous decision over southpaw Ronnie Harris, Dayton, Ohio, in Luna Park Arena.

Corro won the title from Rodrigo Valdes, Colombia, last April 22nd.

Harris had been undefeated. He is not much of a puncher. Ronnie kept his reputation with a back stepping attack that put everyone to sleep.

The bout started off with Harris using his fast hands and good right jab to build up an early lead over the champion. Corro kept on coming, landing to Ronnie's body and missing with wild swings to the head.

From the seventh on, Hugo started to land with some of his wild blows, doing no damage because Harris was still backing away.

The bout was dull and sloppy, neither man possessed of a kayo blow.

The last four rounds saw Corro make his move. He chased Harris all around the ring, landing a few harmless blows and gaining the upper hand. Harris slowed down and was tired, but still managed to stay out of trouble.

Both boxers were on the floor in this contest due to slips. Corro threw Harris to the deck in the eleventh round. This woke up many of the spectators at ringside.

The fans, 25,000 of them, chanted for Corro in the last three rounds, yelling, "Argentina, Argentina." One thing the fans found out was that a Corro and Harris long-distance run would have been more fitting than a boxing match.

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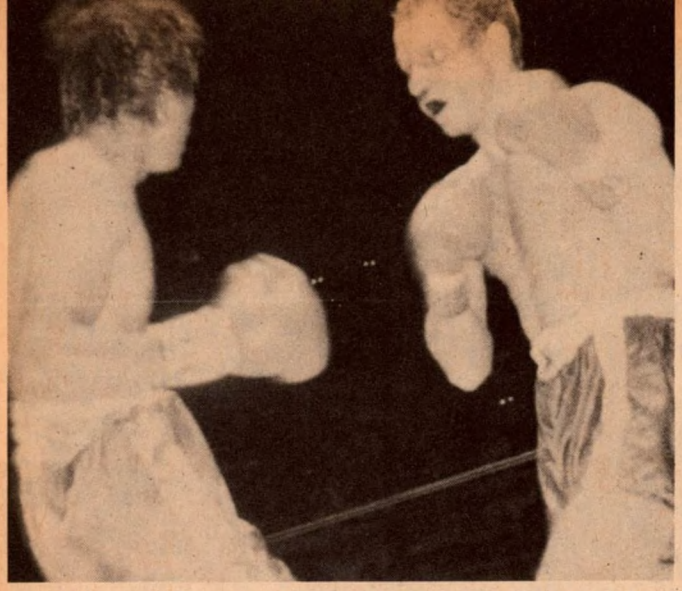
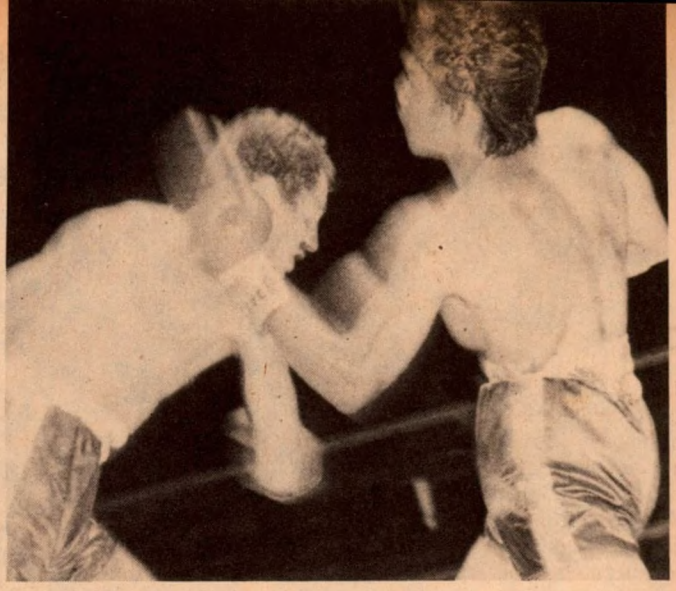


Lira, right, has Ganigan off balance. Johnny pulled one of the strongest upsets in the year when he knocked out the previously undefeated Ganigan.



A hard right hand sent Andrew into dreamland. Lira is now 16-0-1 with nine kayos.

LIRA KAYOES GANIGAN TO WIN U.S. LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

By MIKE MARLEY AND TED YAMACHIKA
Photos by HELEN SARGE

HONOLULU — Johnny Lira, a comparatively unknown fighter from Chicago, knocked out Andrew "Mizoo" Ganigan at 2:10 of round six of a scheduled tenner at the Blaisdell Memorial Center Arena to win the U.S. lightweight title.

Ganigan, a lefthander, was undefeated, and had knocked out twenty-three of his twenty-five opponents. What made the heavy underdog's victory all the more impressive was that he got off the floor to do it. Lira, 136, raised his record to 16-0-1 and notched his ninth knockout when he used a right hand to finish his opponent off.

The fight, which shocked the islanders almost as much as if a volcano had erupted, was a war from the third on.

Following the advice of his manager, Mike Sarge, and his trainer, Johnny Tocco, Lira played it cool at the outset. He circled Ganigan and let the 6,800 fans boo to their collective heart's content. Referee Wilbert Minn cautioned Lira between rounds, telling him he'd better start mixing it up. But the 26-year-old former West Side of Chicago street gang leader was biding his time.

A sharp left to the chin in the third dropped the jutjawed Italian slugger in the third, but Lira held on and let his head clear. Once the cobwebs were gone, he went to work, implementing the plan he and Tocco had put together.

Lira went into a shell in the fifth and let the 25-year-old crowd pleaser from the sugar fields of Waipahu hit him with a series of punches to the arms. Suddenly, Lira let go a right hand which nailed Ganigan.

Down he went. His head thumped off the canvas. Ganigan never fully recovered. He blundered in electing to mix it with the stronger Lira in the sixth.

A left-right combo decked Ganigan again and a right ended the bout.

Lira, who might not be too far away from a world title bout with Roberto Duran, said he knew his strategy would pay off. "I knew he couldn't hurt me if he had to chase me. Even a puncher like Ganigan has to get set."

Lira was cut under the left eye and had a minor cut under the bridge of his nose as well. Ganigan was examined by the state commission's Dr. Edmund Lum after the bout, who found him to be suffering from amnesia and a slight concussion. Andrew was ambulanced to the Queen's Medical Center for observation and treatment. Ganigan was released several days later. Lira had nothing but praise for his opponent. "He's the best guy I ever fought, amateur or pro," he said. "He's got a lot of heart."

Johnny, who has sparred with the likes of Rocky Mattioli, Esteban DeJesus, and Dave Green, and held his own, had been eyed critically by the Hawaiian Athletic Commission before the fight.

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Lira receives The Ring's U.S. lightweight championship trophy in Las Vegas. Left-to-right: Referee and former middleweight contender Ferd Hernandez, manager Mike Sarge, Lira, trainer Johnny Tocco, and Johnny Mag of the Nevada Athletic Commission.

HAGLER OUTPOINTS BENNIE BRISCOE

By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

PHILADELPHIA, PA. — "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler retained recognition as United States middleweight champion by virtue of a unanimous ten-round decision over Bennie Briscoe at the Spectrum.

It was a one-sided victory for Hagler, 159, who fired crisp, clean jabs, left hooks, and occasional rights to score a near-shutout over the veteran Briscoe, 161¼, who is finished as a serious contender.

Bennie spent the whole night plodding forward, leading with his head. In the second round, the head banged Hagler on the right eyebrow, opening a cut that bled throughout the fight.

Marvin played the boxer in this bout, displaying classy footwork. Briscoe got through with a few good punches, but they did no real damage. He cornered Hagler a few times, but Marvin always punched his way to safety.

The scoring was as follows: Referee Tom Reed, 48-43; Judge Paul Harris, 49-43; and Judge John Stewart, 47-44.

Ronnie Harris challenged the winner of this contest, but Hagler wants a title shot with Hugo Corro. He deserves it.

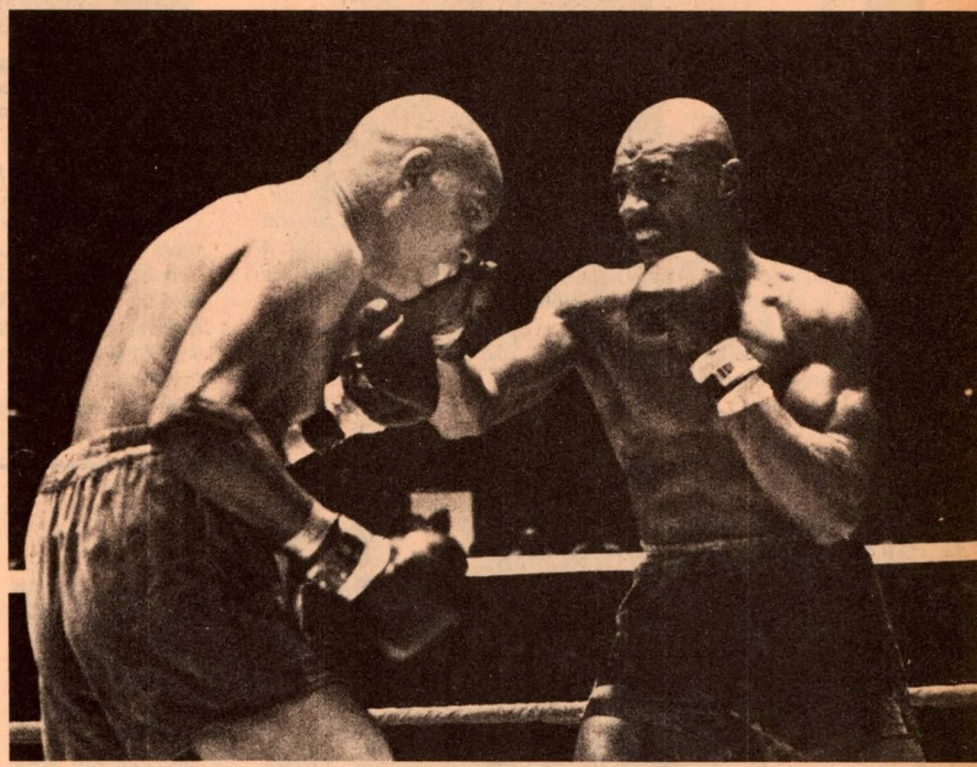
In prelims: Mike Picciotti, 145, Upper Darby, Pa., outpointed Luis Vega, 145, Reading, six. Curtis Parker, 160, Frankford, TKO'd Dan Snyder, 153, Upper Darby, at 2:26 of the third in a scheduled six-rounder.

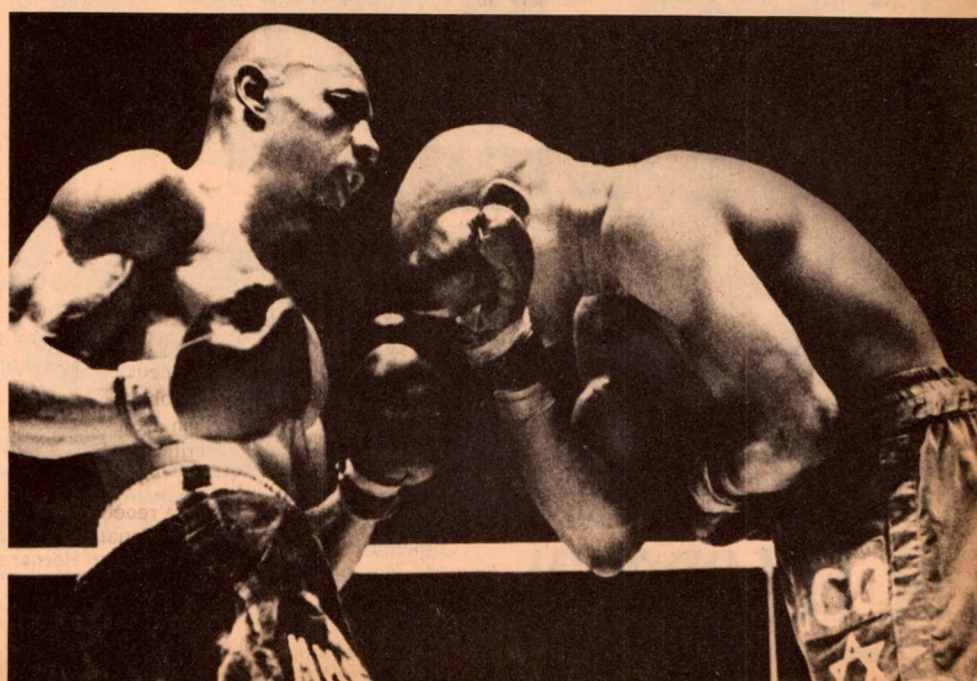
Undefeated Jeff Chandler, 116, South Philadelphia, won a unanimous eight-round decision over Sergio Reyes, 121, Laredo, Texas. Chandler won every round and knocked Reyes down with a right in the third round. Reyes went the distance, but I wouldn't liked to have seen his face the next morning. Chandler hit him at will. Jeff is a classy, interesting performer with the skinniest legs in the history of professional boxing.

In a ten-round rematch of a fight held at the Spectrum on June 19, Rocky Tassone, 161, West Philadelphia, won a unanimous decision over Archie Andrews, 158, South Philadelphia. In their first fight, Andrews came up off the floor to stop Tassone in six.

Tyrone Freeman, 164, North Philadelphia, drew with Richie Bennett, 165, Darby, six. Greg Winston, 135, North Philadelphia, outpointed George Snyder, 143, South Philadelphia, four.

The card was a smash success, drawing 14,930 and shattering the record for an indoor non-title bout in Philadelphia set by the Emile Griffith-Gypsy Joe Harris twelve-rounder on August 6, 1968.





(Top) "Marvelous" Marvin Hagler lands a right on Bennie Briscoe's jaw during their ten-rounder at the Spectrum. Hagler won unanimous decision. Photograph by Steven C. Losch. (Bottom) Briscoe did his leading with his head. He opened up a cut on Hagler's right eyebrow in the second.

GONZALEZ CAPTURES WBA FLY TITLE

By JOHN ORT

MARACAY, VENEZUELA — Local Betulio Gonzalez won the WBA flyweight title with a fifteen-round split decision over Mexico's Guty Espadas.

This is the first time Betulio has held the WBA title. He won the WBC flyweight crown from Socrates Batoto in Caracas on June 3, 1972 and lost it to Venice Borkorsor in Bangkok, September 29, 1972. Betulio regained the WBC crown from Miguel Canto, via fifteen-round decision, on August 4, 1973 in Caracas and lost it again, to Japan's Shoji Oguma, October 1, 1974, in Tokyo. He has appeared in eleven flyweight championship bouts, including WBC, WBA, and world.

Espadas was making his fifth defense. Early this year, he kayoed Japan's Kimeo Furesawa in the seventh round. He won the WBA title from Alfonso Lopez in Los Angeles on October 2, 1976. All his defenses ended via kayo until he met Gonzalez.

Mexico's Guty Espadas, right, blocks a left from Venezuela's Betulio Gonzalez in their WBA flyweight title bout in Maracay, Venezuela. Gonzalez won a split decision.

The fight started out with Guty looking slow, as Gonzalez brought the fight to him. Betulio stayed on top of Guty, giving him no punching room. Gonzalez won the first six rounds.

Guty came on from the seventh to the twelfth, getting a little room to move and landing with left-right combos to the head.

Betulio held his own in the middle rounds, but the champion held the edge. The Venezuelan came back to win the thirteenth and fourteenth rounds, laying on top of the tired Espadas and scoring with right leads to the head and uppercuts in close to the face.

Espadas tried for a knockout in the last round. He had Betulio hurt and ready to go early in the frame. Gonzalez looked like he

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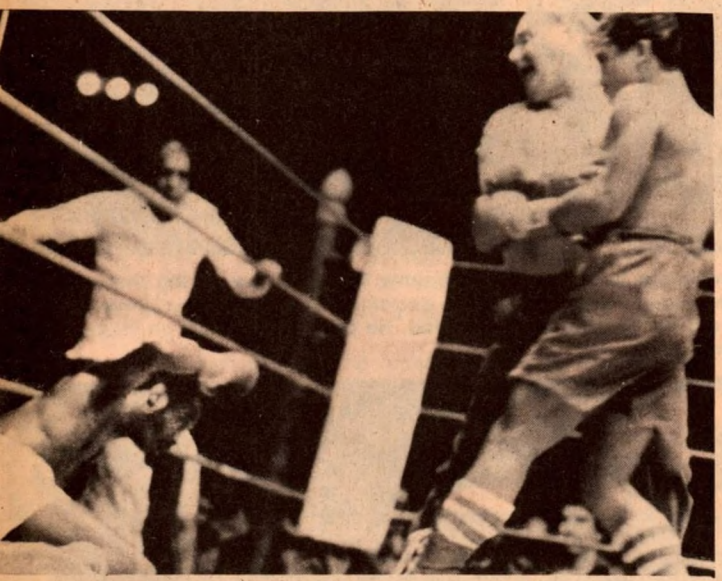

(Left) Referee Jay Edson holds Netrnoi Vorasingh in the fifth round, shortly after he knocked out Venezuela's Luis Estaba. (Right) Vorsasingh raises both hands in jubilation.

VORASINGH KAYOES ESTABA TO RETAIN WBC JR. FLY CROWN

By CARLOS LEON

CARACAS, VENEZUELA—Thailand's Netrnoi Sor Vorasingh retained his WBC junior flyweight championship with a stunning fifth round knockout over Venezuela's Luis "Lumumba" Estaba. It was Vorasingh's first title defense.

Netrnoi, according to reports, had given up his crown and retired to become a Buddhist monk, his way of giving thanks. Apparently, his plans for a religious life have been abandoned, at least for the time being.

It was a one-sided fight. Estaba has had his license suspended for three months, and it is said that he will probably not pass the physical examination he will have to undergo when the suspension is over. His career may very well be over.

"I'm still the Central American champion, and I want to defend my title," says Lumumba. Time will tell.

Jay Edson of the U.S., refereed the bout, only the ninth for Vorasingh since February 12, 1976, when he was stopped by Pharsrithong Singphanom in Bongkok in three rounds.

VILOMAR UPSETS ARGUELLO, ESCALERA KO'S STANTON, AT MSG

By SAM TAUB

ALEXIS Arguello, the W.B.C. junior lightweight champion, suffered a shock when he was taken for a buggy ride by Vilomar Fernandez, from the Dominican Republic, and lost a split verdict in the ten round feature on Teddy Brenner's fine all-star show in Madison Square Garden. Arguello has been mentioned for a bout with champion Roberto Duran.

Fernandez, the smaller man, outmanoeuvered the favored gladiator. Dancing in and out, jabbing and hopping away, the underdog had his man completely at sea except for the sixth and tenth rounds, which saw the winner in real trouble. Arguello, noted for his powerhouse punching, chased his man in a sort of lackadaisical manner, but the little fellow, in real trouble several times, managed to evade the pitfall and defeat.

Fernandez, not a puncher, but smart and wily, was on the mark. He would jab or shoot a punch and scamper away without any comeback from his opponent. The favored Arguello tried to catch up with his man and in the sixth round seemed to find the right way to battle his foeman. Alexis had a big round but Fernandez stuck it out and was there when the bell rang.

Again in the final round, realizing he needed a knockout to turn the tide, Arguello managed to corner his man against the ropes and seemed likely to make a last minute plunge, but lo and behold, Fernandez, continuing his own style of combat, managed to be there at the finish, albeit he lost the round.

Referee Arthur Mercante had it a draw, while the two judges, Artie Aidella and Sam Iran, both cast their ballots for Fernandez, who was the winner on our card. But the surprise was the manner in which Arguello, a kayo specialist, displayed his wares. There was little argument over the decision, witnessed by a crowd of 11,875 fans who paid a gross of $166,032 to witness the good card.

THE ten round semi-final, expected to be

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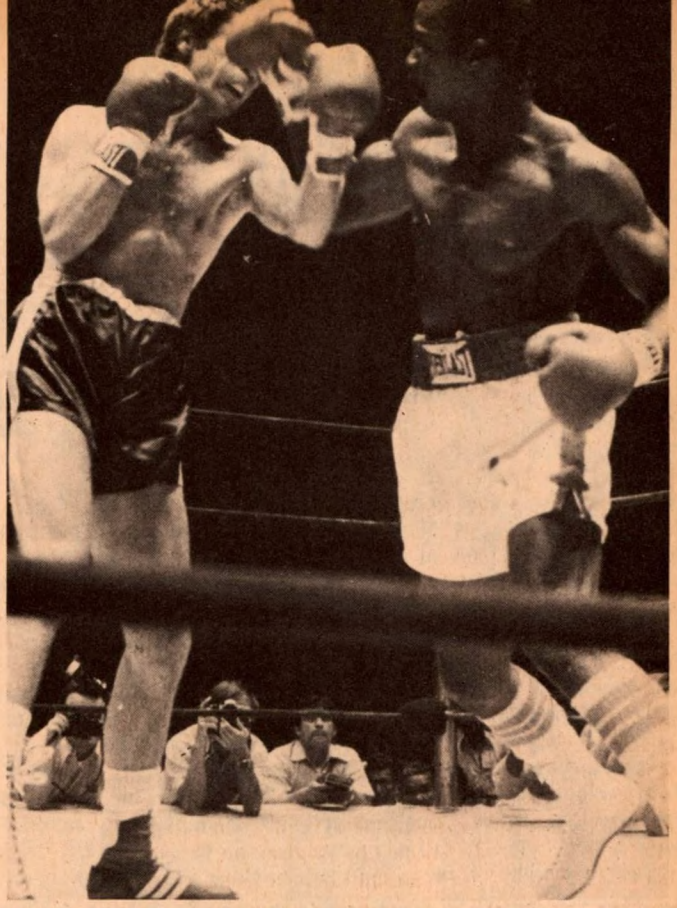
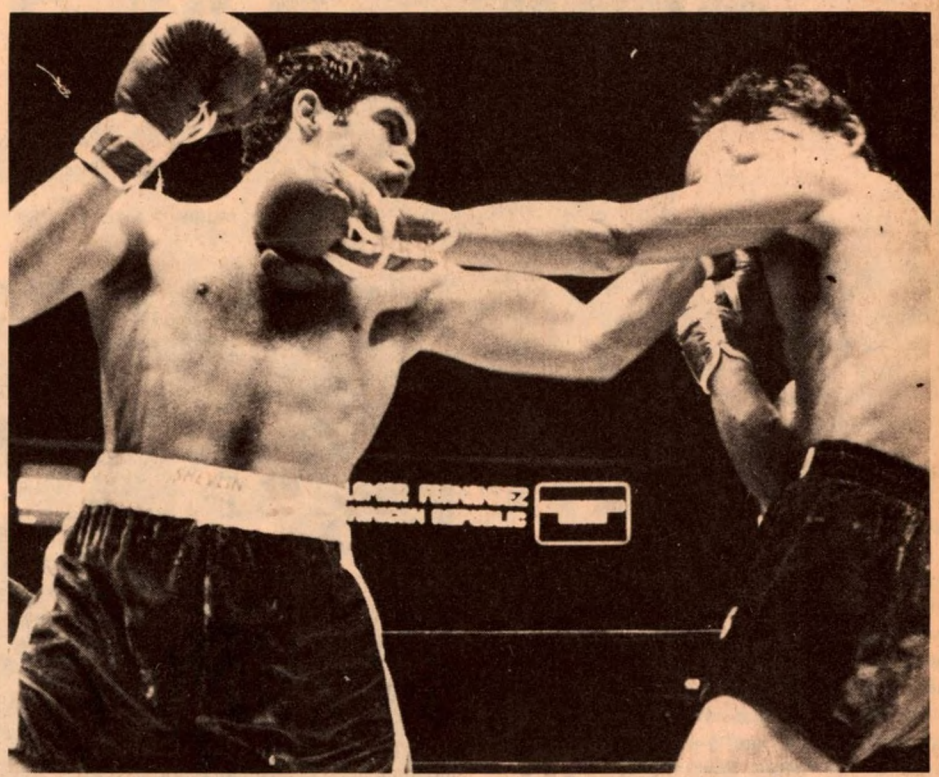


Alfredo Escalera fights it out with Larry Stanton in their scheduled ten-rounder at the Garden. Alfredo won by TKO.



Vilomar Fernandez connects with a left to the face of WBC junior lightweight champion Alexis Arguello during their ten-round non-title bout at Madison Square Garden. Fernandez won it by majority decision.

COVERSON, JOHNSON, WIN BY KO'S

By BEN ATWELL

KALAMAZOO, MICH.—A capacity crowd witnessed what proved to be one of the most unusual productions ever held in the entire midwest. The location of the event, the spacious ballroom of the Kalamazoo Hilton Inn, provided an elegant atmosphere for the evenings activities.

A delicious dinner, prepared and served by the Hilton staff, started the evening off, and as coffee and desert appeared so did the models; as Gantos of Kalamazoo, one of the most highly respected ladies apparel chains in Michigan, presented their new fall fashions.

Following dinner and the fashion show, Kalamazoo promoter Henry "Hank" Grooms proceeded to please the crowd with a thre-round heavyweight exhibition, as well as two ten-round contests featuring internationally rated PME boxers, Greg "Too Sweet" Coverson, and Vonzell "The Warrior" Johnson.

Participating in the three round exhibition were two PME heavyweights, inexperienced pro John Kline, and European rated Heavyweight, Bruce "Too Tough" Grandham, recently returned from a long campaign in Liverpool, England.

The first fight of the evening featured Jr. Lightweight Greg "Too Sweet" Coverson against tough-guy Davey "Speedy" White of Houston, Texas. White, though in excellent physical condition, fell quickly under the heavy handed ouslaught of Coverson. "Too Sweet", obviously a favorite with the Kalamazoo crowd, landed a

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Vonzell Johnson has Chuck Warfield going in their scheduled ten-round bout at the Kalamazoo Hilton Inn. Johnson stopped Warfield in the seventh.

ANDERSON STOPS BELL IN SEVEN

By ED SCULLEN

BALTIMORE, MD. — An appreciative Civic Center crowd of 2,200 was treated to a well-matched, well-fought boxing card topped by a ten-round Alvin Anderson-Wilson Bell junior middleweight battle.

In one of the best confrontations seen here recently, 31-year-old Anderson, 154¼, stopped the hard-charging 25-year-old Bell, 151¾, at 2:16 of the seventh round, but only after an epic struggle.

Anderson shook his foe early in the final round with a left hook and then bulled his man to the opposite corner where a series of unanswered left-right combinations to the head prompted referee Joe Bunsa to call a halt.

In the early rounds, Bell scored well with hooks to the body and a powerful, but erratic right to the head. Both fighters appeared stung at time, but by the fourth round, Anderson uncorked successive left hooks which

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Alvin Anderson pays close attention to his trainer, Mack Lewis. Anderson stopped Wilson Bell in Baltimore.

SCHNEIDER'S NEWSSTAND —HOTTEST IN THE COUNTRY!

Herman Schneider, as he looked when he was known as Kid Herman, one of the top featherweights on the East Coast during the 1910s. Herman floored Benny Leonard for a nine-count in the second round of their ten-round no decision bout in 1912.

By LOUIS ZIPKIN

DURING the late 1930s, I became an avid reader of *The Ring*.

On my way home from the old Pioneer's Gym on West 44th Street, I'd stop at a newsstand to pick up my daily papers and monthly magazine. This particular newsstand was (and still is) on the corner of the world's busiest streets, Forty Second Street and Seventh Avenue, New York's famous Times Square.

The owner, Herman Schneider, was a former featherweight boxer from the lower East Side, who fought under the name of Kid Herman.

He and I would have our daily fight conversation. Herman would rattle off some of the names of his daily customers and they sounded like a Who's Who of the Sport and Theatrical worlds. The late Flo Ziegfeld, Eddie Cantor, Walter Winchell, Bert Lahr, former Mayor Walker, Rocky Graziano, and Johnny Dundee were just a few of the names. While talking to him one day I met Jack Johnson and Jack Dempsey within the space of a half hour.

Kid Herman bragged that he sold more boxing magazines than any other newsstand in the world!

As a fighter he had over a hundred fights, which included names like Marty Cross, George K.O. Chaney, Packey Homey, Patsy White, and Benny Leonard. In all of these contests he was never floored or kayoed! His greatest achievement was in 1912, when he fought a ten-round no decision contest with the great Benny Leonard, at the Fairmont A.C. flooring him in the second round and giving the startled Leonard quite a pasting! Herman earned money as a youngster selling newspapers. He became interested in boxing when *The New York Globe* opened a Newsboy Boxing A.C. on East Fourth Street. He boxed in various smokers and graduated to four-round bouts for five dollar purses at the regular fight clubs in the New York area. Finally, in 1910, he fought and won his first main event at the Sharkey A.C.

When World War One broke out, Herman enlisted in the Navy. Together with Bill Brennan, who later fought Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight title, he served as a boxing instructor. Upon his release in 1919, he obtained his newsstand site at 42nd Street and 7th Avenue. There he remained until his death in 1968.

His son, Lenny, took over the famous spot and is running it to this day. Lenny, a smiling, sociable chap, seems to have picked up the knack of befriending strangers and customers alike, that was the trademark of his father. Lenny, like his father, also brags that he sells more boxing material than any other newsstand in the world!

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HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MUHAMMAD ALI* ..... Chicago, Ill.
1—LARRY HOLMES** ..... Easton, Pa.
2—LEON SPINKS ..... St. Louis, Mo.
3—KEN NORTON ..... San Diego, Calif.
4—RON LYLE ..... Denver, Colo.
5—JIMMY YOUNG ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
6—KALLIE KNOETZE ..... South Africa
7—ALFREDO EVANGELISTA ..... Spain
8—GERRIE COETZEE ..... South Africa
9—OZZIE OCASIO ..... Puerto Rico
10—DOMINGO D'ELIA ..... Argentina

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—MIKE ROSSMAN* ..... Turnersville, N.J.
2—MATE PARLOV** ..... Yugoslavia
3—ALVARO (YAQUI) LOPEZ† ..... Stockton, Calif.
4—VICTOR GALINDEZ ..... Argentina
5—JOHN CONTEH ..... England
6—MATT FRANKLIN ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—MUSTAPHA WASSAJA ..... Uganda
8—EDDIE GREGORY ..... Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—VONZELL JOHNSON ..... Columbus, Ohio
10—BOBBY CASSIDY ..... Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

HUGO CORRO ..... Argentina
1—MARVIN HAGLER† ..... Brockton, Mass.
2—MIKE COLBERT ..... Portland, Ore.
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO ..... Italy
4—RONNIE HARRIS ..... Akron, Ohio
5—MARCOS GERALDO ..... Mexico
6—BENNIE BRISCOE ..... Philadelphia, Pa.
7—GRATIEN TONNA ..... France
8—NORBERTO CABRERA ..... Argentina
9—TONY CHIAVERINI ..... Kansas City, Mo.
10—LOUCIF HAMANI ..... Algeria

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MASASHI KUDO* ..... Japan
1—AYUB KALULE ..... Uganda
2—EDDIE GAZO ..... Nicaragua
3—ROCKY MATTIOLI** ..... Australia
4—MAURICE HOPE ..... England
5—EDGAR ROSS ..... Orlando, Fla.
6—ALVIN ANDERSON ..... Baltimore, Md.
7—FRANK WISSENBACH ..... Germany
8—MIGUEL ANGEL CASTELLINI ..... Argentina
9—RAY PHILLIPS ..... Dallas, Texas
10—ELISH OBED ..... Nassau, Bahamas

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

CARLOS PALOMINO** ..... Mexico
1—JOSE CUEVAS* ..... Mexico
2—CLYDE GRAY ..... Canada
3—PETE RANZANY† ..... Sacramento, Calif.
4—RANDY SHIELDS ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
5—HAROLD WESTON ..... New York, N.Y.
6—JOHNNY GANT ..... Washington, D.C.
7—ANDY PRICE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
8—RAY LEONARD ..... Baltimore, Md.
9—FLOYD MAYWEATHER ... Grand Rapids, Mich.
10—SCOTT CLARK ..... Orlando, Fla.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

WILFRED BENITEZ ..... Puerto Rico
1—ANTONIO CERVANTES* ..... Colombia
2—SAENSAK MUANGSURIN** ..... Thailand
3—MIGUEL MONTILLA ..... Dominican Rep.
4—ESTEBAN DE JESUS ..... Puerto Rico
5—JIMMY HEAIR ..... Memphis, Tenn.
6—SAOUL MAMBY ..... New York, N.Y.
7—DAVID GREEN ..... England
8—DOMINGO AYALA ..... Puerto Rico
9—BRUCE CURRY ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—JOE KIMPAUANI ..... Zaire

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

ROBERTO DURAN ..... Panama
1—ALFREDO PITALUA ..... Colombia
2—GIANCARLO USAI ..... Italy
3—VILOMAR FERNANDEZ ..... Dominican Rep.
4—CLAUDE NOEL ..... Trinidad, W.I.
5—EDWIN VIRUET ..... Puerto Rico
6—JIM WATT ..... Scotland
7—JOHNNY LIRA† ..... Chicago, Ill.
8—TERMITE WATKINS ..... Houston, Texas
9—ANDREW GANIGAN ..... Honolulu, Hawaii
10—HERMAN MONTES ..... Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

SAMUEL SERRANO* ..... Puerto Rico
1—ALFREDO ESCALERA† ..... Puerto Rico
2—FRANKIE BALTZAR ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—ALEXIS ARGUELLO** ..... Nicaragua
4—RAFAEL LIMON ..... Mexico
5—ARTURO LEON ..... Phoenix, Ariz.
6—WALTER SEELEY ..... Sayville, L.I., N.Y.
7—JUAN MALVAREZ ..... Argentina
8—NATLIO VEZZOLI ..... Italy
9—BOBBY CHACON ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—WARREN MATTHEWS ..... New Orleans, La.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT

1—DANNY LOPEZ**† ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
2—EUSEBIO PEDROZA† ..... Panama
3—WILFREDO GOMEZ ..... Puerto Rico
4—RUBEN CASTILLO ..... Bakersfield, Calif.
5—CECILIO LASTRA ..... Spain
6—SEAN O'GRADY ..... Oklahoma City, Okla.
7—RICARDO CARDONE ..... Venezuela
8—ROBERTO GASTANON ..... Spain
9—HECTOR CARRASQUILLA ..... Panama
10—LEO CRUZ ..... Dominican Rep.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

JORGE LUJAN* ..... Panama
1—CARLOS ZARATE** ..... Mexico
2—AL SANDOVAL ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
3—LUPE PINTOR ..... Mexico
4—RICHARD ROZELLE ..... Columbia, Ohio
5—FRANCO ZURLO ..... Italy
6—ALFREDO DAVILA ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
7—ROBERTO RUBALDINO ..... Mexico
8—ALFONSO ZAMORA ..... Mexico
9—FRANK DUARTE ..... Los Angeles, Calif.
10—ALFREDO MULAS ..... Italy

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION

MIGUEL CANTO** ..... Mexico
1—NETRNOI VORASINGHI ..... Thailand
2—YOKO GUSHIKEN ..... Japan
3—BETULIO GONZALEZ* ..... Venezuela
4—GUTY ESPADAS ..... Mexico
5—FRANCO UDELLA ..... Italy
6—FREDDY CASTILLO ..... Mexico
7—JOSE ORTIZ ..... Puerto Rico
8—CHARLIE MAGRI ..... England
9—LUIS ESTABA ..... Venezuela
10—BERNABE VILLACAMPO ..... Philippines

MARVIN HAGLER

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

U.S. middleweight King Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass., won this month's award. He outpointed Philadelphia's Bennie Briscoe in ten rounds and retained his U.S. title.

Runner-ups for the month: WBA Junior Welterweight King Antonio Cervantes, Colombia, kayoed South Africa's Norman Sekgapane, nine; Netrnoi Vorasinghi, Thailand, retained his WBC Junior Flyweight title over Luss Estaba; Betulio Gonzalez, Venezuela won the WBA Flyweight crown, upsetting Guty Espadas, Mexico.

The heavyweights remain the same until after the Ali-Spinks bout in New Orleans.

The welterweights: Wilfredo Benitez, World Junior welter king, stopped Randy Shields in New York City. Shields falls from third to fourth. Commonwealth Welterweight champion Clyde Gray, Canada, moves up from fourth to third with an eight-round knockout over Sakarai Ve, a Commonwealth title defense.

WBA Junior Welter king Antonio Cervantes moves from two to one after defeating Sekgapane. WBC champ Muangsurin drops from one to two. Dominican Miguel Montilla kayo over Memo Cruz moves him up from four to three, with De Jesus falling one spot.

Junior Lightweight Rafael Limon, Mexico, beat Villa, which makes him four and drops Leon one place to five.

Bantamweight Roberto Rubaldino's win over Desiga moves him up one place, from eight to seven. Zamora inactive, falls to eight.

Vorasinghi, Thailand, now number one from three in the flyweights and new WBA king Gonzalez moves from ten to three. Estabe falls from seven to nine and former WBA king Espadas is now fourth.

Late Flash-Kallie Knoetze Kayoed G.G. Maldonado to move up one spot in the heavys. Junior welter Saoul Mamby's victory over Miguel Betruz moved him up one place. Also, in this month's rankings, the results of the Sept. 15 championships in New Orleans will be reflected in these ratings. The bouts. Ali—Spinks, Lujan—Davila, Galindez—Rossman, and Lopez—Malvarez.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

NAMES	PRO DEBUT	TOTAL BOUTS	WON	LOST	DRAWS	KO'S
FLYWEIGHT						
Fred Jackson Memphis, Tenn.	5/23	3	3	0	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Bobby Everett Boston, Mass.	3/78	7	7	0	0	3
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Scott Frank Oakland, N.J.	5/78	4	4	0	0	2
WELTERWEIGHT						
Howard Jackson Los Angeles, Calif.	8/77	8	7	1	0	4

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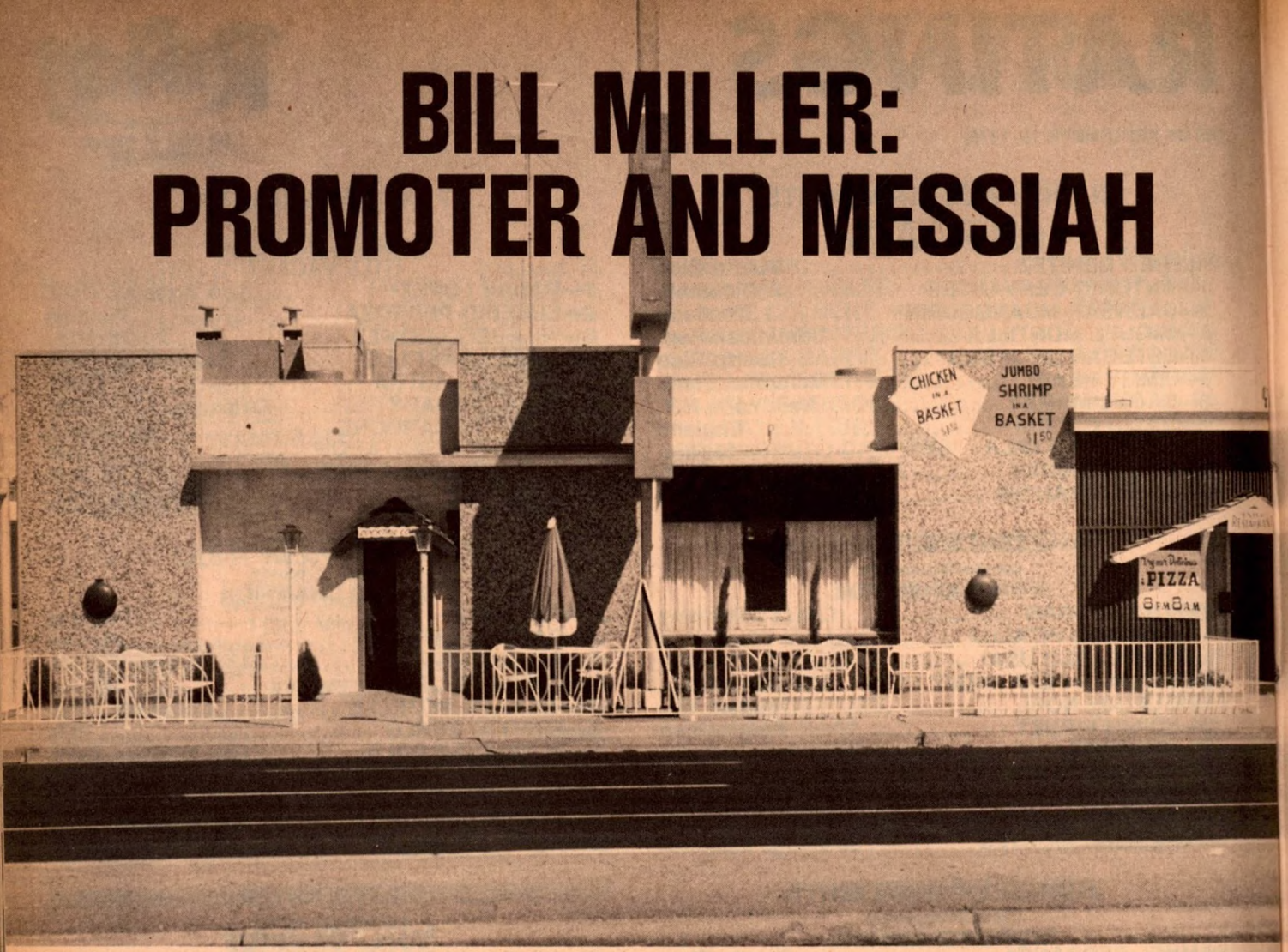
BILL MILLER: PROMOTER AND MESSIAH



Bill Miller nearly always lost money on the fights that he promoted—great fights though they often were. His bar-restaurant kept him in business.

By LAWRENCE F. McNAMEE

BILL MILLER WAS DRIVEN—HE HAD TO SEE A GOOD FIGHT

EVER since the TV fight of the week obliterated the small club, boxing fans have been praying for some messiah to restore the local club with its weekly card. That the local club was doomed with the advent of the boob tube was inevitable. Why would a guy fight the fog and the freeze in Fargo to watch some local sheep-herder stumble through four rounds with a street-car conductor when he could witness the polished skills of Archie Moore against Yvon Durelle—and with Jack Sharkey as referee? The fans somehow sensed that if the golden days of boxing were to return—where 104,934 devotees paid over two million solid dollars in the battle of the long count and well over a million for a non-title fight in the same year—the rejuvenation would have to come at the local clubs of Boise, Idaho, Lubbock, Texas, and Rochester, Pennsylvania. With no fights to watch, fans had plenty of time to speculate on the conditions necessary for the revival.

The locale would have to be a megapolis like New York or a tradition-rich city like Pittsburgh (memories of Greb, Zivic, and Conn) in the heart of a gigantic industrial complex. Our mythical messiah would start off with glamor fighters of proven quality, and should a promising youngster develop, he would baby him along with trial horses, soft touches in a manner reminiscent of—we better not mention names. This promoter would need the prestige of a Dempsey or Ali, along with their rich experience and other negotiable riches. When money talks, nobody worries about the grammar. As for personal attributes, the specifications call for the tact of a Tunney, the retentive memory of a James A. Farley, and the ability to squeeze the chlorophyll out of a dollar—a mean man with a buck. Only with these credentials could the weekly card be restored.

Enter Bill Miller. Not only did he restore the weekly card, not only did he establish the longest running weekly card in the United States, he rejuvenated boxing on a national scale. As for his credentials, they were unimpressive. He had none of the above, absolutely none.

Like Moses, Muhammad, John the Baptist, and other great leaders, Bill Miller came out of the desert. Only he stayed there. His place of operation was not New York with its 10,000,000 but Las Vegas with its less than 50,000, if we are to believe the statistics for 1956. Unlike Pittsburgh, it was not surrounded by heavily populated suburbs but by miles and miles of nothing. But there were other liabilities. Before Jack Dempsey took up promoting, he had had well over one hundred fights with the padded mittens. When Bill began promoting, he had to pay someone to bandage the hands for the padded mittens; he had never had a single fight, amateur or professional. He was a water boy. Although he had loved all sports (especially boxing), rheumatic fever at five, scarlet fever at nine, and polio at seventeen kept

him from passing the physical for the ring or even for the Army when the Japs were on the back door. At the advice of Art Sykes, a local boxer in Elmira, he became a water boy. Oh yes, he also had a heart murmur.

Should Ali take up promoting, he would have the advantage not only of prestige and expertise but also—money. A staid financial magazine has just reported that Ali made more money last year than the president of Standard Oil or anyone else in the United States. Bill Miller's name was not mentioned for this year or any preceding year—he rarely had more than fifty cents in his pocket. It wasn't that he disliked carrying money with him; although he promoted for eighteen years, he nearly always lost money (except for the fights involving Cat Davis and the female boxers). If it hadn't been for the restaurant and bar, he would have been sheriff-saled. One would expect the turnstiles to move on the close-circuit fight between Ali and Cleveland Williams, and they did. But the camera broke, the insurance company reneged via a bottom-line technicality, and Bill lost everything. How he was able to sit down still puzzles medical authorities

Bill Miller, former world's light heavyweight champion Maxie Rosenbloom, and former world welterweight king Jackie Fields.

These liabilities could have been offset had Bill possessed the cultivated urbanity of a Gene Tunney or the negotiating skills of a Henry Kissinger. The fact was that he had the shortest temper in fifty states, Puerto Rico, and outer Cambodia and would swing at bartenders, innocent barstanders, or even his own fighters. "When I came back to the corner after the third round," Hernandez related, "Bill slapped me in the face. Bad enough I was taking a beating, now my manager slaps me when I came back for a rest. 'He's hitting you low. Go out there and hit him in the nuts.'" His relationship with the Nevada Boxing Commission was one continual feud, and he was always chewing out the ring announcer for confusing the names of the fighters when he himself was the cause of the confusion. He simply could not remember names. "You know, that Latin kid who fought the red-head from Australia." Impaired health did not prevent Bill from brawling, not even impending death; the day before he checked into the hospital, he got in a fist fight! There was something symbolic the way he went out in style. Hollywood could not have written a better script.

Paradoxically, this guy who was so quick to throw a punch was "just as ready to lend a five or a tenner to someone down and out," according to Skip Becnel, the bartender. "If a guy needed a meal or a ten spot, you could depend on Bill to give it." Another paradox appeared in his match-making. When Fred Hernandez was cutting a wide swathe among

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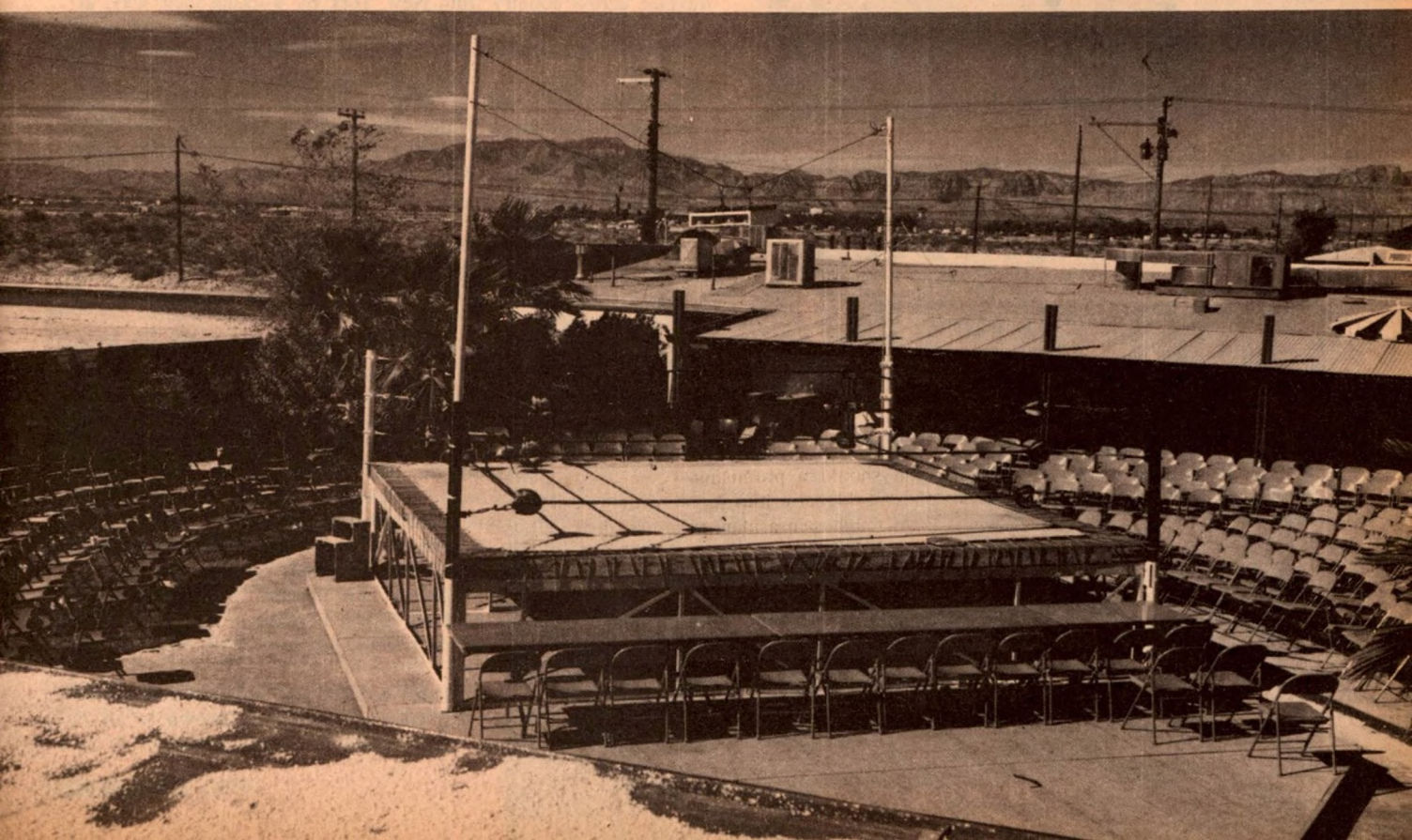
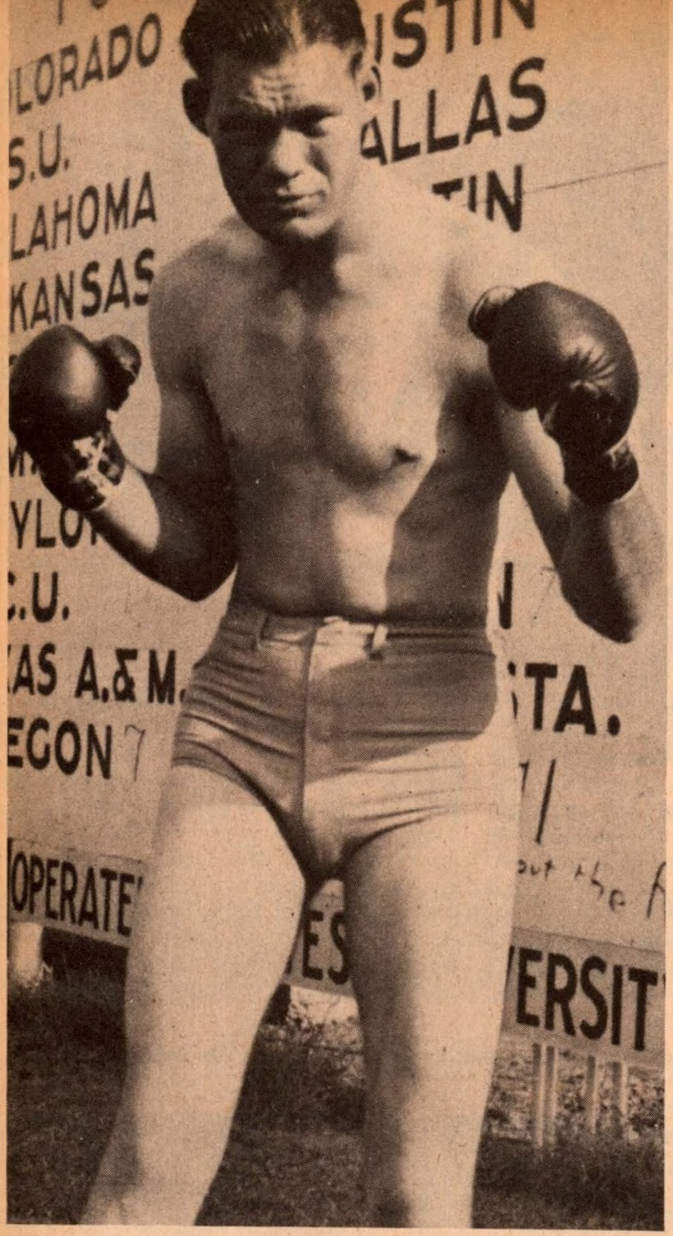
Miller made his first venture as a promoter at Las Vegas Convention Center. He then moved to La Vista Supper Club. Later on, he went to the Castaway Hotel, and, finally, to the Silver Slipper.





(Left) "Big" Gil Stromquist in 1943, training at the Austin, Texas Football Stadium. He had seventy-nine bouts, winning forty-seven by knockout. (Above) Gil and the late Primo Carnera in 1966.

GIL STROMQUIST: GIANT BOXER, CLUB OWNER, MILLIONAIRE

By HARRY WARREN

SWEDEN produced a world heavyweight champion. It happened on June 26, 1959, when Ingemar Johansson defeated Floyd Patterson to win the title. Another man of Swedish origin who is proud of his ancestry is Big Gil Stromquist, but it all started when his Swedish grandparents immigrated to America in 1874. They traveled across country from New York by working their way, arriving in Austin, Texas. The year was 1875. The date was April 15. Little did they know that it was the birthdate of another famed personality—James J. Jeffries, who defeated the blacksmith, Bob Fitzsimmons, on June 9, 1899 to become world heavyweight champion. Grandpappy Walter Stromquist worked long hours and saved all his dollars, and, after a stint with the construction gangs building the Capitol Buildings, he bought a 400-acre farm at nearby Manor—a village, eleven miles from Austin, with only one hundred inhabitants.

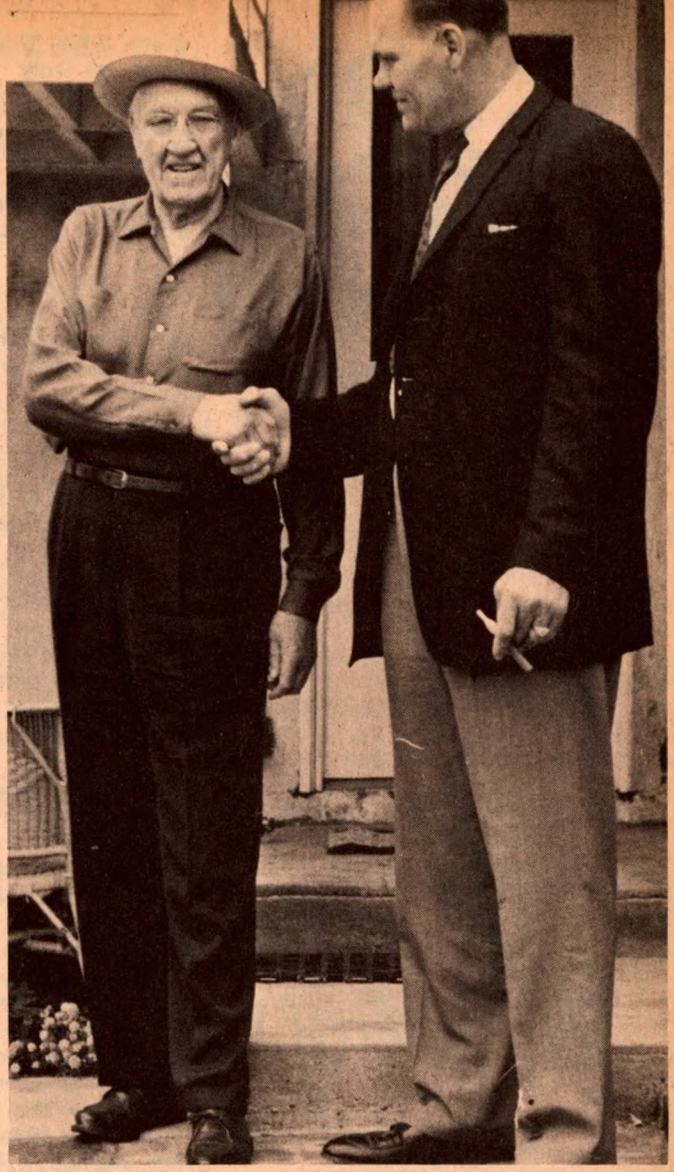
The date, March 31st, 1878, coinciding with the birth of another fistic giant, that of Jack Johnson, known as "The Galveston Giant," who took the crown from Tommy Burns, December 26, 1908.

It soon became apparent to Walter that being a farmer left nothing else to do except tending to farm chores and raising a family, a family of seven children, of which one son, Walter Jr., the eldest, born Oct. 31, 1888, met a local farmer's daughter, Hannah Anderson, and married her in 1910. Hannah is recorded as being born on March 10, 1888, the date of the glorious battle between John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell—a London Prize Ring battle of three hours, ten minutes, and fifty-five seconds.

Walter and Hannah Stromquist inherited the farm from their parents and they too raised a family of seven. Adeline, Roland, Gilbert, Mildred, Dorothy, Laverne, and Audrey. All are still living except Mildred who would be fifty-five years of age today. Papa Walter passed away, but lived to see his son Gilbert win many of his boxing titles.

Brother Roland, now retired, became the Supervisor of Maintenance, Travis County. Big Gil, as he became known to all the school children, attended the Township school at Manor. At two

Big Gil outside his club in Austin. Stromquist is a director and board member of many organizations. He also holds a license as a referee.



(Above) Gil gets a welcome from former world heavyweight champion Jess Willard at the latter's home in California, 1961. (Below) Big Gil receives a citation from Police Chief Frank Dyson of Austin.

years of age, Gilbert was noticeable for his size. When he was born, on March 16, 1919, he was declared to be a normal birth, yet, at the age when a child so tender in age is romping under the kitchen table, he had grown to be three and a half feet tall and weighed forty-five pounds. At fourteen years, Gilbert left school and helped at the farm, tilling the land and building himself to be a super-strong boy. At the age of 14, he had grown to be 6-feet 7 inches tall and weighed 240 pounds. Gil showed an aptitude for sports, becoming an accomplished football player, and an athlete of note around the Austin area.

It was on June 29, 1933, while listening to the radio account of the fight between Jack Sharkey and Primo Carnera for the world's heavyweight title that Big Gil decided on the sport he would take up—boxing.

He joined the Austin A.C. and spent hours in the gymnasium. A big youth, he had grown to be an accepted freak of nature, but now, with him boxing on the team, he fast received recognition as a boxer. He began winning all the amateur titles that he competed for, Diamond Gloves, Golden Gloves, the Texas State TAAF Boxing Championships. The Austin giant was finding competition limited in the San Antonio, Houston and Dallas areas where amateur boxing flourished.

A well known manager from New York City, the late Phil Young, on vacation in the Austin vicinity, saw young Stromquist in an amateur bout and promptly asked the Austin giant to join his stable and become a professional. On July 5, 1942, Big Gil Stromquist arrived in New York and lived with the manager as one of his family. Big Gil needed no publicity to herald his appearance

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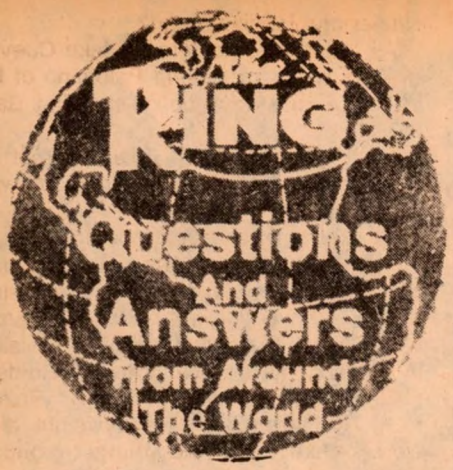


Q. Kid Gavilan was one of the classiest boxers I've seen on TV, Of course I go back to the late 50s and the Friday night fights at Madison Square Garden. Gavilan fought all of the name fighters of his time including Johnny Bratton, Carl Bobo Olson and Carmen Basilio. I have a bet with a friend on his bouts with a fighter by the name of Doug Ratford. I never saw Ratford on TV or in person. Yet, this guy says he beat Gavilan twice. I say he didn't best Gavilan, because if he did, he would have had more exposure on TV. He would not be an "unknown".

Carl Hessman
New York, N.Y.

A. You lose your bet. True, he did not get many television bouts, but Doug Ratford was definitely a welterweight whose style completely baffled Kid Gavilan. On Sept 2, 1947, Ratford won a ten-round decision over Kid Gavilan in Newark and on April 13, 1948, at the Broadw1ay Arena in Brooklyn, Ratford won another ten-round decision over Gavilan. Ratford continued his "club fighter" role while Gavilan went on to championship stature, fighting guys like Sugar Ray Robinson, Billy Graham (twice) Johnny Saxton and Carl (Bobo) Olson.

Q. Jack Dempsey was one of the standout KO artists in the boxing sport during his reign. Of all of his opponents, which opponent was knocked down the most times during a ring encounter with Dempsey?

Maury Roberts,
New York, N.Y.

A. There's no doubt the power in Dempsey's fist blazed his path to glory. After Dempsey beat Jess Williard on July 4, 1919, to win the heavyweight championship, his next fight was an exhibition with One-Round Garrison on Aug. 24, 1919, in St. Louis. The exhibition went four rounds and Garrison was on the deck seventeen times.

Q. Can you tell me the location of "Irish" Bob Murphy. I fought Bob for Navy-Marine FMF title. I lost all pictures of Bob in a fire and I still like to reminisce a little.

Dale "Tuffy" Jones
Las Vegas, Nev.

A. Sorry to have to report "Irish" Bob Murphy was killed in an auto accident on Aug. 17, 1961 in Boston. Murphy battled Joey Maxim for the light heavyweight title in 1951, losing a fifteen-round decision, after nearly knocking out Maxim in the first round. Two months earlier, he had hammered ex-middleweight champ, Jake LaMotta to win a technical Knockout in the seventh round. Despite a string of knockout victories, he never won a title. He was born Edgar Lee Conarty in Denver and changed his legal name to Robert M. Murphy to conform to the one which he gained fame in the ring.

Q. A little over a year ago while visiting Los Angeles, I had the good fortune of seeing a great card at the Olympic Auditorium. I saw a young welterweight named Ramiro Bolonos take a unamimous decision over Turi Pineda. Just recently I saw this fight again on Channel 47. I thought Bolonos was a much better than average welter who could box as well as punch. I have never seen or heard about him since. Maybe you could tell me what happened to this excellent example of ringmanship.

Craig Bitet,
Queens, N.Y.

A. Ramiro Bolonos has been more or less inactive since you saw him on the Coast. His fight against Pineda was on June 23. He won a ten-round decision. In two years, our records show six fights for Bolonos with three wins and three losses. He scored one knockout—May 5, 1977—when he kayoed Victor Abraham in Los Angeles. He's reported to be a good boxer.

Q. Did Johnny Boudreaux ever fight Gerrie Coetzee and what was the outcome?

James McMorrow
Boston, Mass

A. Yes. They met on Dec. 3, 1977 and Coatzee won by a sixth round knockout.

Q. I'm 5-11 and have been training in the gym with bigger guys. Some people tell me I'm too small to fight as a heavyweight and should seek work as a light heavyweight. Does height make that must difference?

James Downey
Bronx, N.Y.

A. As a rule the measurements of heavyweight champions have gone over six feet, but there have been shorter men who wore the crown. Most recent to make their mark include: Joe Frazier, 5-11½; Rocky Marciano, 5-10½;. And if you want to go back to earlier days in boxing, John L. Sullivan stood 5-11¼ and Bob Fitzsimmons was 5-11¾. Shortest was Tommy Burns who stood 5-7. Tallest heavyweight champion was Jess Williard who stood 6-6¼.

Q. I've heard a lot about Tiger Flowers as a good fighter. Did he ever hold a title?

James Lacey
Smithtown, N.Y.

A. Tiger Flowers was an excellent performer in the ring from 1918 to 1927. He died in New York as a result of an operation on Nov 16, 1927. The last fight of his 149-bout career was a knockout over Leo Gates in four rounds on Nov. 12, 1927. He won the world middleweight title from Harry Greb via a fifteen-round decision in New York on Feb. 26, 1926 and lost the crown the same year—Dec 3—to Mickey Walker in ten rounds in Chicago.

Q. The name of Al Hostak came up in conversation the other night. I never saw Hostak in action but a few of the guys said he was an exciting fighter. Can you fill me in on some of the highlights of his career?

James Benson
New Hyde Park

A. Al Hostak was a Czecko-Slovakian born in Minneapolis, Minn. on Jan. 7, 1916. He was a good middleweight and was managed by Eddie Marino. Al fought from 1935 to 1949. He had a total of 83 bouts of which he scored 47 KOs and won 21 decisions. He won the N.B.A. middleweight title with a first round KO over Freddie Steele on July 26, 1938. In Dec. of the same year, he lost the N.B.A. title to Solly Keieger in Seattle. In June of 1939, he regained the title by stopping Kreiger in four rounds. In 1940, Hostak lost the crown to Tony Zale, who KOd him in 13 rounds. In a return bout on May 28, 1941, Al was stopped by Zale in two rounds.

HIT THE ROAD, GUYS

I think its crazy that more boxers don't do 3-5 minute hard runs during their training. Physiologists have proved that running 3-5 minute runs at about 80% effort is a great way to build endurance for healthy athletes. Boxers usually just do easy road work and never really push themselves on their runs. I bet if more boxers did 3-5 minutes repeats—jogging for 3-5 minutes between each and doing a total of at least six repeats—they will get a lot stronger.

Christopher Neuhoff
New York, N.Y.

DISAGREES ON ROCKY MARCIANO

The article John Gamble wrote saying Marciano fought good fighters is wrong. Joe Louis, Archie Moore, Joe Walcott were all over the hill, washed up, old. In their prime, they would have beaten Marciano. The best one he fought was Ezzard Charles, who was a good boxer but no great fighter. Don Cockell, Rex Layne and Harry Matthews were not even good second rate fighters. He had the easiest bunch of fighters in history to fight when he was champion. If he had fought fighters like Tunney, Dempsey, Baer, Ali, Foreman, Frazier, they would have beaten him to a pulp. The second rated fighters of today would have given him a battle. The reason he retired when he did is that he knew Floyd Patterson would have taken the title away from him. Patterson, with his speed, would have cut him to ribbons. Give a man the credit on what type and rated fighters he fought.

Elmer Christman
Seattle, Wash.

HE HAS A BEEF

Lopez was victimized—not once but twice. Why are boxing judges in Europe allowed to render unfair decisions? I have been an avid boxing fan for about 35 years and can recall with fond memories the old time fighters like Louis, Dempsey, Ortiz, Pep, Robinson, Moore, etc. Boxing was a sport then and the referees were part of the game. Alvaro 'Yaqui' Lopez of Stockton, Calif., has been a victim of shady decisions twice against Galindez in his quest for the light heavyweight title. (And this in full view of a world-wide audience). You don't have to be a boxing expert to recognize the irregularity. The boxing scene in its present state is far from a respectable profession. The aforementioned situation will not enhance the popularity of the boxing sport. More important, some method MUST be adopted to protect the interest of our fighters boxing in a foreign land.

Richard Gamino,
Stockton, Calif.

SOME FISTIC OBSERVATIONS

Norton-Holmes fight-Seems strange that Kenny walked into Larry for five rounds and forgot what his fists were for. Has he fallen for the Ali "wear 'em out" craze? I thought it was unanimous for Holmes, likewise for Ocasio. Jimmy should stop playing cute and put in some solid hours on hitting. I will say Holmes gave all he had for 15 rounds. Can't take anything from him.

Coetzee—With the bit of a look we had at the fellow, I observed. . . He takes a punch with no emotion, His fault—He appears not to telegraph a punch, rather to change his mind all of a sudden and throw an entirely different punch. He could get away with the latter but the former, can he maintain that composure against someone who hits harder than Randy Stephens. I though his defense needed much tightening.

Conteh-Parlov-: My selection had been Conteh "KO" of Parlov—11 rounds After 11 rounds, I had it all even. I then felt that John did his pullaway—that he took the last four rounds.

Alvaro Lopez: What must this man do to win: Terrible decision.

I am enjoying Herbert G. Goldman's series, but tell Herb that the picture of Bud Gorman looks too much like Steve Hamas and nothing like Gorman.

I'd like to see Knoetzee or Ocasio in with Norton for September the winner against Holmes for December.

I can't see a Galindez-Parlov bout with the winner as champion. Not with Conteh and Lopez around.

How did Valdez and Corro get to be champions with the likes of Colbert, Hagler and Harris around?

As I mentioned before, I'll take Cuevas (five-round kayo) to strip Palomino of his crown. A masterful job of stopping Backus.

Is it possible that Edwin Viruet is punching harder, hoping for a KO win over Duran.

Prize award for stupid corner work. . . Letting O'Grady continue with that bad cut over eye, could ruin a promising career. . . I wonder what Ernesto Marcel would attain in a comeback? This division is coming alive with Zarate, Gomez, O'Grady and Rapid Richard Rozelle. . . The face of the heavyweight division is changing. . .The younger group is on the march. . . It is interesting to note that most of Clay's opponents have long since vanished from the scene. . . At present things look great for the chamo. Norton beaten; Is Young slipping? Foreman undecided; Joe Frazier retiring; Shavers out! Maybe the ex-champ's kisser will be with us 'til 1980 and beyond. He could be a record setter.

El Bevan
South Holland, Ill.

BOOST FOR TERRELL

I am a very avid boxing fan and have found your magazine to be the most informative on the market. When I first discovered *The Ring,* Chicago wasn't much of a fight town, but Ernie Terrell is changing all that. He is promoting some very good cards and selling out the place. His first shows were at the old Aragon Ballroom and his last show was moved to the International Amphitheater. The former heavyweight is promoting some very good fighters. One fighter, Walter Moore with a record of 19-1, had just recently decisioned Joe King Roman. Another prospect George Moastardini is really generating enthusiasm in the Chicago area. "The Italian Assassin" (as he has been named) is rooted on by some 2000 faithful fans from his neighborhood on the Northwest side. With a record of 9-0 (8 knockouts), George doesn't seem to be a fluke. He had knocked out 7 opponets in the first round, one in the second and decisioned the other.

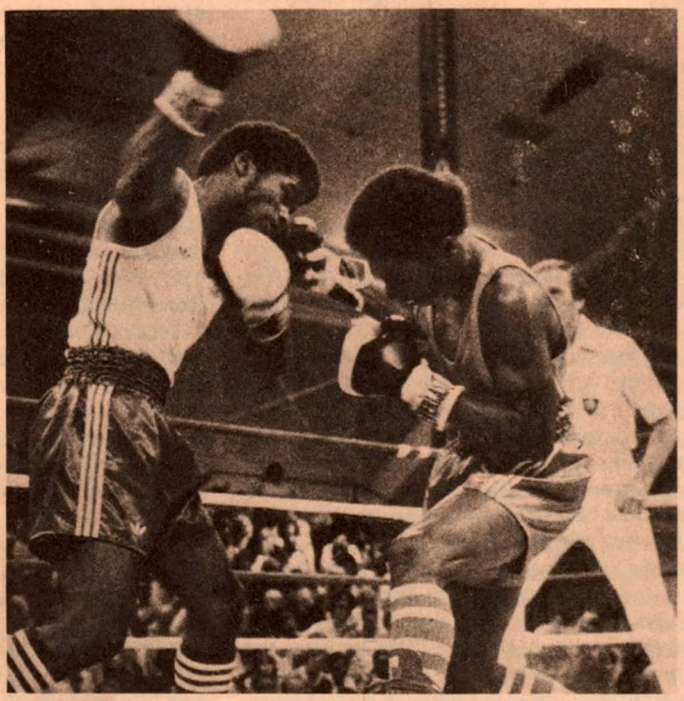
It is the enthusiasm that follows Terrell's cards that makes them so special. I believe, as Terrel does, that every boxing card should have fighters with a variety of ethnic and racial backgrounds. It seems fans will take a special interest in a fighter from their background or one in their area. So let's hear it for Ernie Terrell whose Chicago-based fighters are bringing boxing back to all the people of Chicago.

Jim Tooney
Hinsdale, Ill.

the RING camera clicks

(Above) World lightweight champion Roberto Duran and Sam Taub at a recent luncheon in New York. Taub, who started his career on The Morning Telegraph in 1908, celebrated his ninety-second birthday in New Orleans on September 10, 1978, five days before the Ali-Spinks rematch. (Left) Larry Holmes went back to Cuthbert, Georgia to visit his aunt, Lucille Shingles, his cousins, and their friends.

Muhammad Ali lands a right to the jaw of a Soviet boxer in one of three unscored exhibition bouts in Moscow. Ali was completely out of shape.



National AAU champion Jackie Beard takes a right to the head from Richard Savage in the third round of their bantamweight finals fight at the National Sports Festival in Colorado Springs. Beard won the gold medal by decision.

Croydon Ex-Professional Boxers meet at LEBA function at the Nobury Hotel in London, England. Left-to-right: Mark Hart, Tom Powell, Albert Finch, Paul Nihill (amateur boxer and Olympic Games walker), Ron Pudney, Morris, Alf Basten, Teddy Gardiner, Jack Hall, Pat Stribling, Gilbert Allnutt (great boxing historian and record keeper), Johnny White, Jim Toohig, and Herby Spencer.

His wife, Nova, looks on as world heavyweight champion Leon Spinks waves to some of his fans following his arrival in Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic. Leon boxed an exhibition the next day.

Leon, left, and George Mostardini rub arms during four-round exhibition in Chicago. This was after Spinks returned from the Domican Republic.

Holes and Ali "spar" at a testimonial honoring Larry in his hometown, Easton, Pennsylvania.

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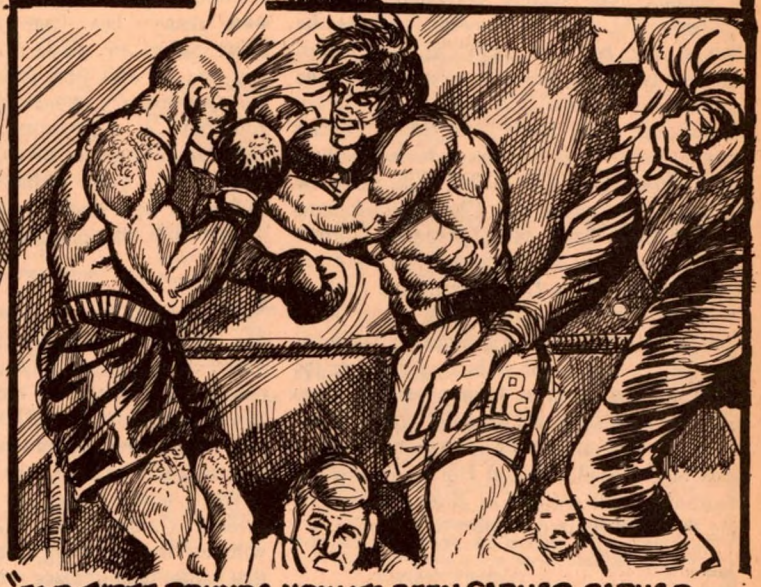

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UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

JOHNNY Defoe, who succeeded Reid as president of VBA Ring #8, is a quiet one who seldom talks about his achievements as regards his association with boxing. DeFoe and his associates, among other things, hold a record in the number of Golden Glove champions they helped develop. Johnny has done a marvelous job for thirty years as head coach and supervisor of boxing of the Police Athletic League.

As a professional, Johnny has really been a standout. A leading contender for the featherweight crown in the late tweinties, he battled the best of them, as his record shows. Look at the former champions he competed against. Hammering Henry Armstrong, triple king, three times. Former bantam king, Sixto Escobar, whose memborable battles with Lou Salica will never be forgotten, the great Kid Chocolate, famous Cuban Bon Bon, Mike Belloise, former NBA boss, Lew Feldman, and Al Reid are among those whom DeFoe competed against.

Johnny has been doing a fine job as president of Ring #8 and it's amazing the territory he covered as far as boxing goes, re the amateurs and the pros. Johnny has fitted into his post with Ring #8 as a kid glove fits on a human hand and at his semi-monthly meetings at the Statler Hilton Hotel ex-President Reid and other officers of Ring #8 are giving their full-hearted support to DeFoe.

FREDDIE Russo, a great little featherweight managed by Irving Cohen, has been busy even now doing something for boxing. We go back with Russo a good many years, when he was active as a performer and when he competed against the best boys in the 126-pound class. We'll never forget our trip to St. Louis to do a fight between Russo and Phil Terranova, the Bronxite, and Adam Hats show from NBC when I was associated with Bill Stern, and the great battle these two waged. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then but little Freddie, who lives at 109 McCabe Avenue, Bradley Beach, N.J. 17720, is still affiliated with his old profession of boxing. Here's the Russo story:-

"Dear Sam: It was great speaking to you on the 'phone and it brought back many memories. At present I am affiliated with amateur boxing in the show area which includes publishing a sports journal which we distribute at the affairs and mail out to the VFW members. This has been a very successful venture and we furnish plaques for achievement. I am really happy in what we're doing.

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From all of us at The Ring, Freddie, we were glad to hear from you and happy to know things are going O.K. with you and that you are still very much active as far as the Queensberry game goes, even though your days as a performer wound up many years ago. From all of us, always the best, Incidentally, your former manager, Irving Cohen, is now residing in Arizona, having moved from his stamping ground in Florida.

OUR good friend, Supreme Court Justice M. Michael Potoker, former *New York American* and *Evening Graphic* sports scribe, called to tell us that he recently met up with an old East Side friend, Izzy Janazzo, former lightweight and welterweight boxer, at the Queensboro Lodge of Elks, No. 878.

We'll never forget the night in the 8th Avenue Garden when Izzy came close to winning Barney Ross' welterweight crown, the battle taking place on Nov. 27, 1936. Barney captured the duke, winning in a very, very close affair. Incidentally, Janazzao met the standouts of his year, including four scraps with the great Sugar Ray Robinson, among others.

The judge also told us that Izzy has been employed for the past thirty-one years wth the City of New York Sanitation Department. By the way, Janazzo came from Elizabeth Street, not far from where we had our upbringing on Mott St.

We belatedly report an event that took place at Tampa, Florida, some months ago, sent along to us by our correspondent, John Ormsby. It's still a news story.

"Approximately 120 persons attended ring 50-Florida West Coast boxer's association's final meeting of the 1977-78 year. The meeting under the direction of President Floyd Golden included dinner and a talk by Walter Harpt, veteran referee of over 5,000 fights, on the development of the veteran boxer associations.

Ring 50 started in 1971 when Jersey Jones, president of the national ring in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, offered the organization a charter to the West Coast of Florida. An initial meeting was held shortly after the charter was offered which was attended by 13 members. Ring 50's charter was officially adopted in 1973 when the state of Florida granted a non-profit organization charter. The organization now has over 200 members.

"Distinguished fighters in attendence included former lightweight champion of the world, Jimmy Goodrich (1925) and former world ranked heavyweight KO artist (72 KO's), Tommy Gomez.

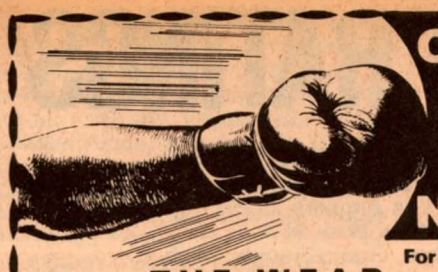
Anyone interested in ring 50 can contact President Floyd Golden at 1318 Meadowbrook Avenue, Tampa Florida 33612."

BOB Goldberg, who was successful in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" at the Garden and Felt Forum, is the son of Marvin Goldberg, associated with boxing for years as a manager and announcer. Marvin sends word that his son Robert, who is now a senior at Southern California College of optometry, was a guest vocalist at the Cal. Angels-Detroit Tigers game at Anaheim last July 16. Dad still is busy in boxing, having a radio program of his own. Keep punching, Robert.

AL Reid recently ran into Artie Weinberg and immediately added a new member to Ring #8, of which Al was former president. Artie was a good tough bantamweight from Yorkville. He boxed in the 30s. Now a cab driver for the Eden Cab Co. in Queens. Incidentally, back from a recent visit to San Diego, Reid brought back word of the fine job Archie Moore, ex-light heavyweight champion, is doing working with youngsters in the San Diego area.

WHICH reminded Ossie Feldman of the first two fights Pedro Montanez, great competitor from Puerto Rico, had in this country, when he met and outpointed Steve Halaiko of Buffalo, and Phil Rafferty of the West Side. Rafferty is still working at Jay T. Clark's place.

PASSING of veteran Johnny Pena not long ago was a shocker. He was a pal of the late Pete DeGrasse, the Mohawk Indian. Pena came from Puerto Rica. He and DeGrasse were both former members of Ring #8. Pena was a classy performer who clashed with the best.



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4—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Ozzie Ocasio, Puerto Rico
6—Earnie Shavers, Warren, Ohio
7—Duane Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
8—Randy Stephens, Callas, Texas
9—Dino Dennis, Attleboro, Mass.
10—Leroy Jones, Denver, Colo.
11—John Tate, Knoxville, Tenn.
12—Scott LeDoux, Minneapolis, Minn.
13—Stan Ward, Sacramento, Calif.
14—Marvin Camel, Bosie, Mont.
15—Bob Hazelton, Wichita, Kan.

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2—Matt Franklin, Philadelphia, Pa.
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5—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, L.I., N.Y.
6—Richie Kates, Brighton, N.J.
7—Jerry Celestine, New Orleans, La.
8—Marvin Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.
9—Mike Spinks, St. Louis, Mo.
10—Jesse Burnett, Los Angeles, Calif.
11—Tommy Evans, Los Angeles, Calif.
12—Pete McIntyre, San Diego, Calif.
13—Tom Hanna, Detroit, Mich.
14—Jerry Martin, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Ned Hallacy, Wichita, Kan.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

* MARVIN HAGLER, Brockton, Mass.
1—Mike Colbert, Portland, Ore.
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3—Bennie Briscoe, Phildelphia, Pa.
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13—Keith Broom, Washington, D.C.
14—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
15—Tony Licate, New Orleans, La.

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14—Tommy Howard, Seattle, Wash.
15—Freddy Jackson, New Orleans, La.

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15—Daryl Jones, Stockton, Calif.

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6—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.
7—Mike Stuart, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—D. C. Cunningham, Cincinnati, Ohio
9—Leo Randolph, Seattle, Wash.
10—Fred Jackson, Memphis, Tenn.

IN OLDE NEW ENGLAND

By DON HAMILL

Dinner-boxing shows are becoming popular in New England, particularly in the Boston area. These shows are staged in the ballrooms of hotels, social clubs, or restaurants. A ring is set up and the fans sit around the ring at tables where they are served dinner before the start of the ring action. These shows have evolved from the annual University Club an dlater Harvard Club shows which were closed to membership and guests. During the past month, two dinner shows were held open to the public. The Goodwin A.C. held its second show ah Lombardo's, a restaurant in East Boston, and Pendarivs Boxing Enterprises, staged their initial show at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

▲EAST BOSTON—Lombardo's Restaurant-For the second time, Dom DiMarzo, 160, East Boston, headed a dinner-boxing show at this popular restaurant. The undefeated local boy easily disposed of Earl Harris, 153, Long Island City, N.Y., by scoring a clean knockout in the second round.

Hard-hitting Manny Freitas, 168, Lowell, unloaded a right to the chin of Jimmy Roberson, 172, Hartford, in the second session of their eight-rounder. Ben Sanchez, 151, Leominster, copped an eight round decision over a rusty Reinaldo Oliviera, 155, Wareham. In the six-round curtain raiser, Danny Vescovic, 156, Stoneham, and Willie Bermudez, 145, New York, battled to a draw

▲BOSTON—Hynes Memorial Auditorium-Sugar Ray Leonard, 146, Baltimore, was thoroughly tested by Dick Ecklund, also 146, Lowell, in the televised main event of a stellar show staged by Ferribaugh Enterprises.

In the ten round bout staged after the main event, Tommy Rose, 137½, Sherborn, stopped George Fakaris, 145, Brentwood, N.Y., in the eighth round. Rose hurt Fakaris with the first punch a blow from which Fakaris never seemed to have recovered. Rose punching better than the past repeatedly scored with right hand leads but left himself open for more counters. Fakaris was on the deck in the 2nd, 3rd, and 8th rounds before Ref Ed "Draw" Pasquina wisely called a cessation.

▲BOSTON—Sheraton Boston Hotel-Tony Petronelli, 146, East Bridgewater, had his hands full taking a unanimous ten round decision from Randy Milton, 146, Bridgeport. Milton took command, after Petronelli got off to a lead, and controlled the middle rounds, but tired badly allowing Petronelli to finish big. It was a pleasing scrap all the way.

Classy Fernando Fernandez, 148, Rawtucket, whipped Jessie Rogers, 147, New Haven, in the six round semi-windup. A doggedly determined Don Addison, 172, Waterbury, outscored Frank "Tiger" Moore, 173, Whitman, in a good six spot. Charley Benjamin, 150. Hartford, punched out a win in six heats over Frank Brimage, 146, Brockton. Steve Zourski, 205, Brockton, turned pro with a decision over journeyman Joe Maye, 205, Hartford.

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GIL STROMQUIST: GIANT BOXER, CLUB OWNER, MILLIONAIRE

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in New York. He was soon noticed, a strapping 7-foot, 260-pounder who could move, who could punch, and who was only twenty-three years of age. Phil Young, true to his promises, took Big Gil along slowly. He trained with such pugilistic luminaries as Jake LaMotta, Phil Terranova, Sugar Ray Robinson, Gus Lesnevich, and Tami Mauriello. He sparred with world contenders such as Steve Belloise, and the big Cuban champion Nino Valdes. He was even thrown in the ring with the young veteran Pat Comiskey in training camp melees. Haskell Cohen, the celebrated sports writer of *Life* Magazine, wrote in the October, 1942 issue—"Young Stromquist throws a well-directed, powerful punch and he can take one too, an indispensable asset for any fighter in the prize ring. They threw the green boy in with Comiskey. It was apparent that this boy Stromquist more than held his own with the veteran. I stake my reputation as a connoisseur of fight flesh that Phil Young's protege can hold his own right now with any heavyweight over a four or six-round route."

Sports writer Wilbur Evans of *The Austin Daily Tribune*, wrote—"Gilbert Stromquist, just turning twenty-three, too tall to serve Uncle Sam, is entering the professional ranks as a boxer in Eastern rings. For a big fellow, Stromquist moves gracefully, faster than Carnera, Simon, Buddy Baer, to name a few big men who have made boxing history."

Big Gil's first opponent in the paid ranks was Jack Rose at the Queensboro Arena. He disposed of the veteran fighter in a record (for the arena) thirty-four seconds of the first round. A very auspicious start. Big Gilbert followed this victory with wins over George Stovall at St. Nicks and Arthur Bugi at the Broadway Arena. Phil Young, an excellent manager, because of illness, asked veteran manager (the late) Bobby Gleason to take over the reigns and handle the giant. Gleason, a lifetime pal of Young agreed, and promptly took Big Gil in tow. Promoters all over the country were anxious to secure the Austin giant—a unique promotional gimmick, yet a winner, and Gleason had no trouble to book the fighter into arenas all over the country. They traveled hundreds of miles together.

In Texas, Big Gil became quite a favorite. He beat promising Bennie Brast of Fort Worth over twelve rounds in Dallas, and again in a return at Chicago Stadium with an eight-round knockout, winning the professional heavyweight crown of his native state—Texas.

The Ring Magazine selected Big Gil as "The Most Outstanding New Heavyweight," as published in the boxing bible, January, 1943.

Big Ben Moroz, another giant, who stands over seven feet, was matched with Big Gil at Madison Square Garden in March, 1943. Big Gil lead on points throughout the first four rounds. In desperation, Moroz sent over a haymaker that landed flush on the Austin giant's chin in the fifth round. Down went Stromquist. The popular boxing writer on the beat in New York, Murray Lewin, wrote in his column, "Despite his unfortunate setback, Big Gil showed some surprising moves for a big man. He showed great form, and I look for him to come back."

Big Gil fought with many of the favorites on their home grounds, and his scrapbooks of the accounts as recorded by the sportswriters always gave a good account of himself.

Big Gil, defended his Texas State heavyweight title several times, but lost it to the late K.O. artist, Jay Turner. It was a grand slam, punch for punch, toe to toe, bloody battle. The decision could have gone to either man, but the twelve-rounder went to Turner.

Stromquist was the chief supporting bout on two world title programs, the Sugar Ray Robinson-Jake LaMotta card in Detroit and the Jake LaMotta-Bulldog Harris card at Pittsburgh, at which he put the skids under that great contender, Big Boy Peterson, for which the great Jake LaMotta personally, with great enthusiasm, gave his congratulations.

Among the many fighters that can give credence to the fact that Stromquist was no slouch were Johnny Flynn, Dixie Oliver, Fred Schott, Gunnar Barland, Dan Merritt, Laurient Bouchard, Yancy Henry, Jim Pope, and Howard Thompson.

Big Gil Stromquist had seventy-nine pro contests. He certainly proved he had a punch, winning forty-seven of those bouts by the knockout route (fifty-nine wins). Most of his losses were via the decision on points route. Big Gil hung up the gloves in 1950 and bought into a taxi business which operated around his home town, Austin. He sold out the taxi business after becoming interested in the restaurant field, owning a couple that were very profitable. During the years Gil operated the restaurants, he began to realize the advantage of owning real estate and bought choice properties in and around the Austin city area. One of these choice properties eventually became the site for his club, aptly named "Big Gil's," a huge corner lot on the main highway leading into the capitol building. His parking area is able to accommodate some one thousand cars and is free to the customers who clamor to be in his night club, where he engages all the top bands with a different-band-every-night policy. His club and Big Gil's generosity are well known in Texas as its oil fields and probably much of the money which generates around Austin finds itself in Big Gil's club at 5500 South Congress Avenue. I visited with Big Gil and felt no embarrassment in his company. He is a warm, easy going, generous, and sincere person. He easily puts you at ease. He has been honored by many charitable organizations, such as the Heart Association, Muscular Dystrophy, The Red Cross, Multiple Sclerosis, and many more bodies who have received financial assistance through Big Gil's fund-raising efforts. As a deputy sheriff of Travis County, he has been cited by the mayor of the city and other police organizations in the county. He is the sponsor of the local sports club for underprivileged children, is a director and benefactor of the Austin Society for handicapped children. Big Gil is still very enthusiastic about boxing and is a member of many veteran boxing groups throughout the country, donating heavily to their causes by taking out several pages of advertising space in the various dinner journals. The giant owns two custom-made vehicles, a cadillac and a pick-up truck that is two feet longer than any other pick-up. It's a truck with a difference, loaded with electrical gadgets, plenty of room in the specially-made cab for his seven foot frame, and a comfortable seat for his near three hundred pound body.

Big Gil is proud of his family, for, although not married, it's not for want of looking for the right partner. "She just hasn't come along yet. Guess I'm looking for a tall girl," the giant told me recently. He employs all his sisters and brothers, provides for his 91-year-old mother, Hannah, and constantly has house guests at his $100,000 ranch-style home. Gil is constantly in touch with Lou Nova, president of the Cauliflower Alley Club in Las Vegas, and former welterweight contender Noble "Kid" Chissell, now a journalist with the Hicks Deal Publications. He's proud of his associations with the Cauliflower Alley Club, headed by former mat great "Ironman" Mike Mazurki and several hundred prominent former boxers and wrestlers, for Big Gil holds a license, issued by Texas Boxing and Wrestling Law number 589, as a referee. He is a director and board member of many associations and definitely a great ambassador to boxing. This writer meets with and hears from veteran boxers groups throughout the world—through my *Ring* Magazine column, "Veteran Boxer's Beat," so it's particularly gratifying to hear about and meet with this ex-boxer, who, after seventy nine bouts, did not win a world title, but retired from boxing to become such a powerful influence in the business area of his city and who, through shrewd financial investments, is now financially solvent (he is a millionaire) and is a benefactor to the sick and needy, always giving of himself to aid the ex-boxer down on his luck.

It's a story worth telling, especially as the ex-boxer is usually singled out by the nation's press—usually in the worst light. It's A SUCCESS STORY WE LIKE TO PRINT.

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RINGSIDE WITH "Sailor" Don Sauer

By DON SAUER

IF veteran boxing promoter and manager PINKIE GEORGE would only come out of "retirement" in Des Moines; PINKIE was the astute boxing manager who brought the likes of LEE SAVOLD and JOHNNY PAYCHECK roaring out of the midwest in the thirties to become serious threats to world honors. But, unfortunately PINKIE has had his fill—and there just aren't anymore like him operating out there today. . . Big JIM BEATTIE got himself knocked off—by a nonenity after launching a fairly successful comeback—but Big JIM figured he didn't need a manager—so it goes. . . SUGAR RAY LEONARD and HOWARD DAVIS making big "buck" while the 1976 118—pound champion at Montreal, LEO RANDOLPH can't draw his breath—goes to show you the power of the "boob tube". . . . Exposure—that's what it takes. . . !! DAVIS AND LEONARD sure get that exposure—indeed! Meanwhile, RANDOLPH is the forgotten medal winner—. . . Middleweight contender VITO ANTUOFERMO usually runs twenty miles a day—always in shape—soooooo—the Italian import entered the New York Marathon—It's only twenty six miles—He did alright—! Theres a dearth of fly-weights (112 pounders) popping up in east coast rings—Years ago, one couldn't find a 112-pounder to box—They all wanted to become jockeys—Maybe this is for the better. . . . ABC-TV paid MUHAMMAD ALI a whopping $50,000 for the exclusive privilege of filming his visit to the Kremlin—This guy just can't stop making money. . .LARRY HOLMES says he wants to get his high school diploma and a little education—He'd better stay in the gym; that's where the money is—not in the classroom!!. . Former light heavyweight champ, ARCHIE MOORE, the man with more knockouts in his ring record than anyone else, was in Nigeria, West Africa, working as a national boxing coach—the work is much needed and could be a very important component in the development of many ambitious youths throughout that vast country that just hosted President CARTER in an historic visit. . . New Jersey light heavyweight MIKE ROSSMAN, the "Jewish Bomber," won $200 at Resorts International playing black jack. . . They told me they didn't have many winners—MIKE is a lucky guy—! How can television people pay HOWARD DAVIS $100,000 to beat up on a guy such as NORMAN GOINS (GOINS did allright), who got merely $4,000!!??? Ex-WBC heavyweight king KEN NORTON, who lost his "paper crown" to LARRY HOLMES, can get a million bucks from New York promoter, DON KING for three fights NORTON has turned it down—He says it isn't enough—What does the guy want??? AL SILVANI, Los Angeles boxing trainer, thinks that CARLOS PALOMINO would take PIPINO CUEVAS—if they ever fight. I don't agree—but something must be proven first. That is—can CARLOS take a good punch—he's really never been tested by a puncher like CUEVAS!!??? Fight announcer JIMMY LENNON and NORM LOCKWOOD have a heavyweight by the name of FRANCO THOMAS who knocked out AL NEWMAN in the ninth round at Anchorage, Alaska—It was THOMAS' ninth straight win—Maybe the guy can fight at that. . . OSVALDO OCASIO was once a sparring partner for LARRY HOLMES—"JAWS" is the bloke who duked JIMMY YOUNG "underneath" HOLMES and KEN NORTON. . .Now he plans a "reign of terror" in quest of a shot at the heavyweight crown. . . How did he get the nickname "JAWS"?—According to OCASIO, he got it from HOLMES—While sparring with "the champ," he bit him on the ear. HOLMES called him "JAWS" and it stuck—With a manager like cagey veteran SQUIRE BILL DALY, the guy will definitely make some noise in the division, that's for sure. . . Why did MIKE COLBERT—after coming back successfully of late, pull out of a scheduled match with ERWIN WILLIAMS in Las Vegas??? What say, MIKE MORTON—What's happening—?? Out in San Francisco, venerable JOE BENJAMIN, who fought them all as a lightweight from 1917 to 1924 was tendered an eightieth birthday party at the Elks Club in that fair city—! We wish you many, many more of them, JOE!! YAQUI LOPEZ'S mentor, JACK CRUZ, keeps the news flowing my way—and is still "Beefing" over the "loss" to VICTOR GALINDEZ in Italy for the WBA version of the world light-heavyweight title—we all agree JACK—"Yous was robbed"!!! Former heavyweight contender JERRY QUARRY epistles he is "executive V.P." with ANTHONY WALTERS & Associates, Newport Beach—management consultants to oil and gas industry. . . C.B.S. didn't pick up his option to do the fight telecasts—I thought JERRY did allright. He does a helluva imitation of MUHAMMAD ALI—you should hear it!! White Plains, N.Y. boxing club has a big benefit for heavyweight BOBBY HALPERN, shot while buying a suit in NY.C. . . FRANKIE VAN, ex-flyweight from Cleveland died in Burbank, California at the age of 73. . He moved to California (Los Angeles) in 1925 and was a fitness adviser to actors such as AL JOLSON, JEFF CHANDLER, ROCK HUDSON, TONY CURTIS and YVONNE DeCARLO. . HE also operated a health club in Universal Pictures for eighteen years—he leaves a wife, LOIS, son, MICHAEL and daughter, SHARON KING. . . GEORGE PACE was recognized by the old NBA as bantamweight champion. . . PACE, who is a friend of this writer, lives in Cleveland in the summer and goes to Phoenix for the winter—He has health problems. Great guy—and great little gladiator in his hey-day—! CARLA WATKINS is the sister of lightweight MAURICE "TERMITE" WATKINS—She was a candidate for Miss Texas honors—Give their mother, WANDA WATKINS her way and Deer Park, Texas, where they reside, soon will lay claim to a Miss America and the World's lightweight boxing champion—couple of fine kids indeed! CARLA who is a nineteen-year old sophomore at Sam Houston State University, says: "I fly to all of his fights—and he's on hand whenever I'm "on stage" in a beauty contest". . . Sorry to hear that my pal, RALPH LAKE, veteran Philadelphia boxing trainer and cornerman, is suffering from a recent heart attack—Good to hear that RALPH is on the road to a rapid recovery—The game can't afford to lose the likes of RALPH LAKE—God Bless you, RALPH. . . FRANKIE NEIL says JOE GANS was the greatest fighter he ever saw—JIMMY CORKUM, college kid out of Brockton, Mass. was "creamed" by JIMMY HEAIR in Mississippi—maybe he shouldn't have made the trip—most of the astute boxing people figured it was a bad match-up—But the kid is rapidly learning the hard way—! With the lack of good talent around today, it's a shame to let a guy get beat—and probably lose his confidence. Maybe CORKUM needs a manager!. . . JOE HERMAN, veteran San Francisco boxing manager and trainer, back from his annual hunting and fishing trip—now contemplates a complete tour of the U.S.—will be in Boston, then N.Y.C., Baltimore, Miami, and Panama to renew old acquaintances—We'll be looking for you, JOE—He is now seventy-eight years young. See you next month—keep punching!

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

CASTILLO KAYOES CONTRERAS

PICO-RIVERA—In the first boxing show ever in this suburb, twenty miles from downtown Los Angeles, unbeaten Ruben Castillo, 129, Bakersfield, scored his second knockout over Roman Contreras, 129½, Los Angeles, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten.

For Castillo, it was victory number twenty-seven. He finished Contreras with a neat left hook at forty-two seconds of the fifth.

Zeffie Gonzalez, 147, Pico-Rivera was the big hit of the night. The home town product won a unanimous ten round decision over Rudy Barro in an exciting bout.

A strong finish by Gonzalez pulled him through for his thirteenth win against one loss and a draw. Barro, from Stockton, weighed 141.

Mike Stuart, 112, Los Angeles, captured the vacant California flyweight title with a close twelve-round decision over Rafael Rubio, 112, San Diego.

Referee Lou Filippo saw it for Rubio, 115-112, but judges George Latka (115-113) and Rudy Jordan (116-113) agreed for Stuart.

The show was held in the Pico-Rivera Arena, which was built on federal goverment property by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The paid crowd was around 1,500 and the gross gate $7,680, which meant a loss for Three Star Promotions.

It was later announced that Three Star had given up on promoting and future boxing cards will be put on by the City of Pico-Rivera with San Diego's Ernie Fuentes as the matchmaker.

▲LOS ANGELES—IT was, by far, his toughest assignment as a main eventer.

Oscar Muniz, 119, Los Angeles, had to recover from a knockdown in the sixth round to rally against Francisco Ponce, 121, Tijuana.

Muniz came out roaring in the seventh round and finished Ponce with a crisp left hook, which followed a flurry of punches. The win raised Muniz' record to 14-1-1 and nine knockouts.

Unbeaten Joey Olivo, 110, Lincoln Heights, advanced his record to 18-0 with a lively ten-round decision over Eleoncio Mercedes, 112, Dominican Republic.

Olivo built up an early lead, then held off Mercedes for the victory.

Other results: Dan Patino, 126, Los Angeles, decision over Noe Rivera, 129, Mexico, six Irleis Perez, 136, Los Angeles, kayo over Jose Osuna, 136, Mexico, one.

▲LOS ANGELES—Jimmy Jackson was a lop-sided favorite over Pablo Baez of the Dominican Republic, but was glad to escape with ten-round split decision victory at the Olympic auditorium.

The Dominican fighter went all out for a knockout in the second round and it probably cost him the verdict. Baez appeared to be arm weary after throwing so many punches in the second.

Jackson, Los Angeles, came on after that and scored well with body shots to earn the edge.

Judge Bobby Rings had it 96-94 for Baez, while judge Vince Delgao (95-94) and referee John Thomas (96-94) favored Jackson.

Weights: Jackson, 147; Baez, 143.

Other results: Curtis Lewis, 146, Los Angeles, and Agapito Ramirez, 146, Mexico, technical draw two; Mircea Simon, 210, Romania knocked out Mark Junior, 179, two; Francisco Flores, 126, San Fermamdo, kayo over Peter King, 128, San Diego, two.

▲SAN DIEGO—Fili Moala, 237½, Samoa, polished off veteran Terry Krueger, 203½, San Antonio, in the third round of their feature bout at the Coliseum.

Krueger has seen his best days and was no match for the heavy fisted Samoan.

Other results: Irish Bert Lee, 150¾, San Diego, decision over Joel Carranza, 142½, Mexico, six; Eric Bonilla, 143, San Diego, decision over Robert Willcot, 143½, San Diego, six.

The gate was $3,518.

▲LOS ANGELES—Former kick fighter Howard Jackson is improving as a pro boxer. He upped his record to 10-1 (six knockouts) with a seventh round kayo over Kid Zorrita, 146, Mexicali, Mexico.

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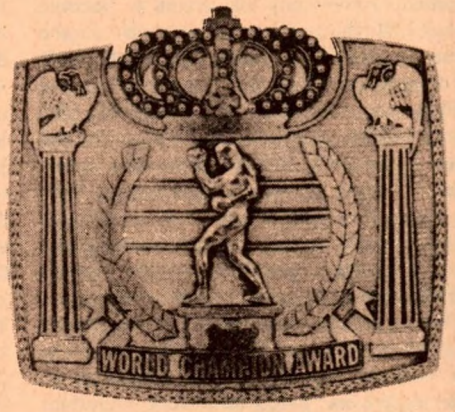

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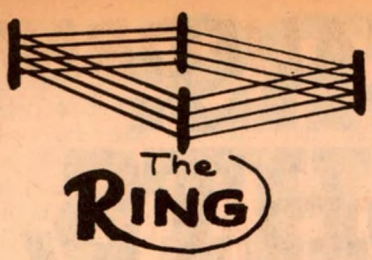

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CONTENDERS: HEAVYWEIGHTS, PART SIX

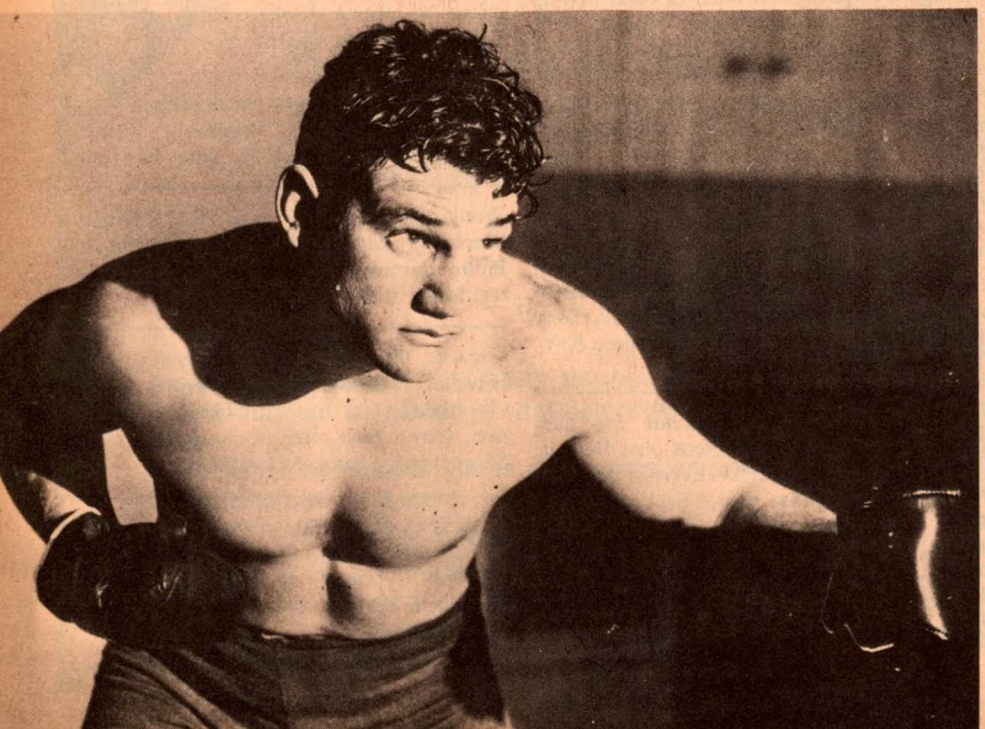
By HERBERT G. GOLDMAN

FEW heavyweights have ever come as far as quickly as Max Baer did in the first years of his career. Northern California was a hot bed of top talent when Max started out on his career in 1929, but, within the space of one year, Baer had beat every West Coast heavyweight of any note, including the highly touted Jack Linkhorn, who fell before the dynamite in Maxie's fists in one round on May 28, 1930.

Baer lost but twice in his first twelve months of competition, both because of "fouls," once against Jack McCarthy in the third round of a scheduled six-rounder at the Arcadia Pavilion on September 4, 1929, and again, in a ten-round bout with Tiny Abbott in that same arena on January 15, 1930, also in the third. Regarding the first bout, *The San Francisco Chronicle* had this to say:

Although knocked cold in the third round, Jack McCarthy was declared the winner over Max Baer, Oakland light heavy, by Referee Billy Snailham. Baer was disqualified for "roughing" his rival, who was down several times during a wild bout. In the second frame, Baer himself was on the canvas and McCarthy made the most of the situation by throwing a few punches while his rival was in the resin. Snailham's decision was unpopular.

Max's first excursion into Southern California came on April 22, 1930, when he won a ten-round bout with Ernie Owens in Los Angeles. Baer's first defeat, aside from fouls, came when he returned to L.A. on July 15, when Les Kennedy won on points over the ten-round distance. Baer returned to Oakland again, where he scored a two-round knockout over Meyer (K.O.) Christner, who was already well established. That led Maxie into San Francisco for the first time where he fought Frankie Campbell, a fast, clever boxer, in the San Francisco Seals' ball park. There was a tragic ending to that bout, as Campbell died of a brain concussion a few hours after Maxie stopped him in the fifth.



(Above) Walter Cobb fought out of Kansas City. A "giant" in an era of small heavyweights, he weighed 220 pounds. Cobb was a hard hitter, knocking out Al Walker, Herman Heller, and Gene Stanton, among others. (Left) King, or Kingfish, Levinsky kayoed clever Leo Lomski in five rounds in 1930. He beat Sharkey, Uzcudun, and Loughran. King was managed by his sister, "Leapin' Lena."

The California Boxing Commission slapped a one-year suspension on the twenty-one year old Max Baer. But the publicity, though often vicious, was to the young slugger's advantage. His manager, Ancil Hoffman, had no trouble getting fights for Maxie in New York. Max lost four fights over the next year—to Ernie Schaaf, Tommy Loughran, Johnny Risko, and Paulino Uzcudun, but he improved sufficiently to handle even these world-raters by the Fall of 1931, and he beat Schaaf and Risko in return bouts.

Here are some of the top men that Baer faced on his way up, who have not been covered in this series until now:

NATIE BROWN

Born in Philadelphia, April 21, 1910. Brown, a Jew, was one of Schmeling's sparring partners, and first shot into prominence by flooring Der Max in a training session at Conneaut Lake, Pa., when Max was preparing for the Stribling bout in 1931.

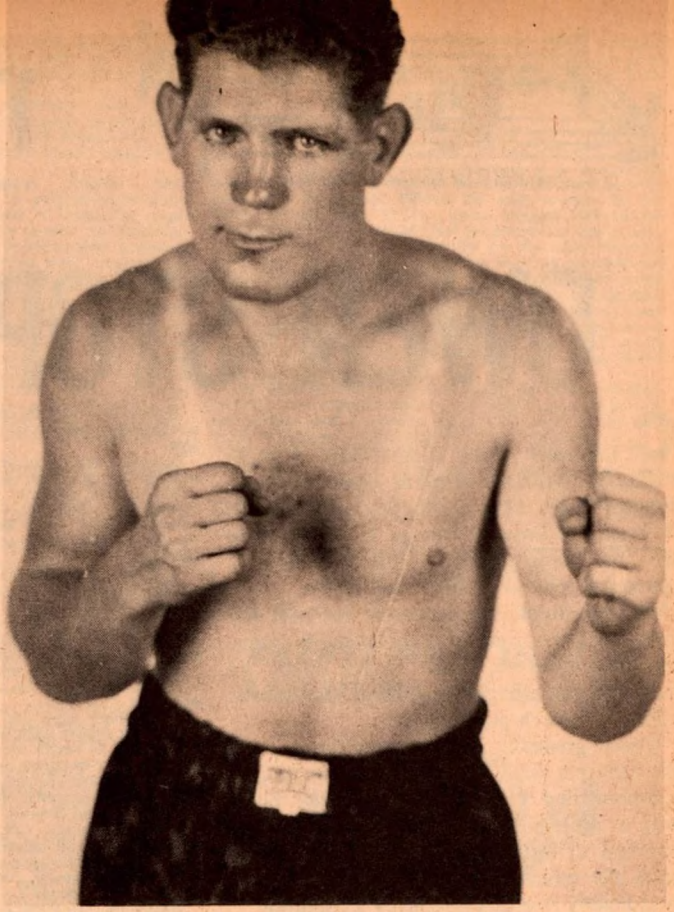
Natie had been fighting three years prior to that. On November 6, 1929, he lost a six-rounder to Baer at the Arcadia Pavilion in Oakland, California. Natie also lost to Larry Johnson.

Brown was basically a boxer, but he was considered a good hitter, also. He stood 6′1″ and weighed about 185 pounds. He beat Tony Galento easily in Pittsburgh, February 8, 1932, but was knocked out in the first round of a return bout, held in Newark on October 17 of the same year.

Eighteen days after the first bout with Galento, Natie beat Vincent Parrile of Argentina in a ten-round slugging affair in Madison Square Garden. Brown was effective fighting at close quarters and scored repeatedly with right and left uppercuts. He spotted Parrile nineteen pounds.

Brown is remembered today chiefly as one of only fourteen men who stayed the limit with Joe Louis. That was on March 29, 1935, in Detroit, where Brown, 186, forced Louis, ten pounds heavier, to go the distance in a ten-round bout. Joe won a unanimous decision. In a return bout, held in Kansas City on February 17, 1937, Louis kayoed Brown at fifty-nine seconds of the fourth round. This was Joe's last fight before he won the title from Jim Braddock.

Natie, who was managed by Jacobs and McCarney, met Yvon Robert in the main event of a card at the Montreal Forum in September, 1940. After the bout, which was highly unsatisfactory, the Montreal Athletic Commission held up the fighters' purses while it conducted an investigation into the entire show. That ended Natie's ring career till 1945, when he returned to score a seven-round kayo over Johnny Denson in Charlotte, North Carolina. Brown retired for good after Tommy Gomez beat him in Jacksonville, Florida, February 22, 1949.



Natie Brown, from Philly, went the distance with Max Baer and Joe Louis.

K.O. CHRISTNER

Meyer Wilson Christner got into boxing late. He was born in Garrett, Somerset county, Pennsylvania on December 28, 1894 and didn't begin fighting until 1926, when he was thirty-one years old.

Christner got his education at St. Mary's Industrial School in Baltimore, Maryland, where he was the catcher on the school team. George Ruth was the star pitcher; George later became famous as Babe Ruth.

Meyer enlisted in the army in 1915 and was a top sergeant in the A.E.F. before his discharge in 1919. For awhile, he was a professional football player, starring with the Akron Indians. After that, he settled down and became a rubber puddler. One night, he put on the gloves at a factory smoker and knocked out his man. Meyer was in great demand at smokers after that, and proceeded to bowl over all opponents.

"Tiny Jim" Herman, a veteran heavyweight from Omaha, had booked a fight in Akron and advertised for sparring partners.

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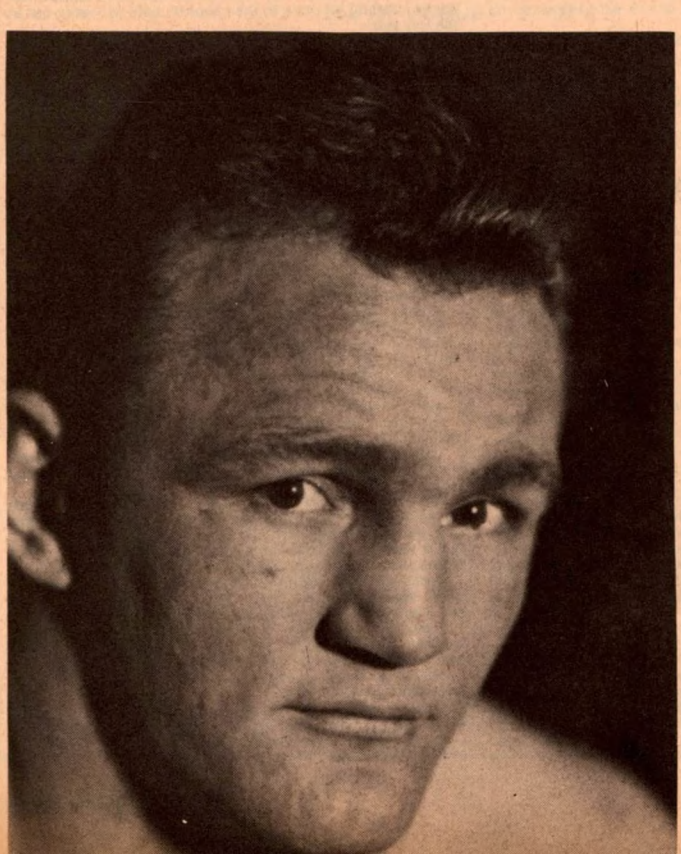

Ernie Schaaf won the All-Service light heavyweight title in 1925. Schaaf beat Baer, Bud Gorman, Johnny Risko, Jack Renault, Tommy Loughran, Jim Maloney, and Jim Braddock.

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THE BRITISH ISLES

By RON OLVER

OWEN STOPS LARMOUR

CLUB DOUBLE DIAMOND, CAERPHILLY, WALES—British bantam champ Johnny Owen, 118¼, had no difficulty in disposing of Davey Larmour, Belfast, 118¼, the bout being stopped in the seventh of a scheduled ten.

At that point, Larmour was cut near the right eye, had a swelling under the left eye, and bled from the nose. To his credit, he had remained upright throughout, but he was taking too much punishment.

Owen gradually increased the tempo, and the longer it went the more effective he got. Larmour tried his best to stem the tide, but it was to no avail. The champ just went from strength to strength and at the end of the sixth the referee went to Larmour's corner, presumably to check on Davey's condition.

However, the Irishman came up for the seventh, his face now showing the signs of Owen's accurate two-handed punching. As the round reached the halfway stage, Larmour was no longer fighting back, and the referee intervened.

Owen, known as "stringbean," because he is tall and thin, was in good form, and has now been accepted as a leading contender for the European and Commonwealth titles.

George Sutton, Cardiff, 122½, drew with Lee Graham, Brixton, 126, over eight. A humdinger of a fight, with most rounds being even. Sutton did well to withstand a torrid sixth round. It was Graham's fifth drawn bout out of nineteen.

It has been several years since Roddy Evans, Pontypool, 138, was in the ring, but he gained a good victory over Phil Morris, Cefn Hengoed, 138, points margin after six being 60-57.

This meant that Evans had not lost a round, but he was warned a few times for infringements. Roddy was the busier of the two and showed the greater variety in his punching.

Alan Burrows, Cardiff, 137½, outscored Dai Davies, Swansea, 138, over six by 59-56. A good contest, with Burrows winning the early rounds and Davies coming good after the halfway stage.

▲Civic Hall, Wolverhampton—Promoter Ron Gray lost money on this one, the attendance being below par. But at least he had the compensation as manager of Pat Cowdell, 126½, of seeing Pat outpoint Alan Buchanan, Scottish featherweight champ, 127, over eight by 79-74.

This was a little classic, and the delighted fans threw in nobbins afterwards.

The scoreline is misleading in that most rounds were close, and Buchanan was not far behind Cowdell in any phase of the fight.

Cowdell jabbed with his left. Buchanan crossed with his right, and it was a clean fight with plenty of action.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 168, returned to winning vein by kayoing Danny McLoughlin, Manchester, 170½, in three: This must have given him a lot of confidence, after his previous contest in which he was kayoed in one round by Lotte Mwabe.

A left hook to the body put Danny down and out, and it was thought that one of his ribs was cracked.

Sibson bided his time for a couple of rounds, using his left hook to good effect as a counterpunch. McLoughlin was hurt, and in the third Sibson backed his man to the ropes, and the last of a fusilade of left hooks put him on the canvas.

Carl Gunns, Tony's manager, confirmed that the latter would in furture box as a middleweight, and not concede poundage.

Ricky James, Jugby, 182, kayoed Roy Gregory, Normanton, 180, in the second round after decking him for four. Another confirmation of weight here, for it was revealed that James would in future be boxing as a light-heavy.

Terry O'Conner, Birmingham, 210, outpointed Colin Flute, Tipton, 196, over eight by 79-75. Not a contest to remember.

Debutant Doug Gregory, Wednesbury, 137, outpointed Selvin Bell, Manchester, 135, over six by 60-58, not losing a round. Another bout that didn't excite.

Gary Newell, Wolverhampton, 150, comfortably outscored Carl North, Leicester, 148, by 59-55 over six. Newell's stronger finish clinched it.

Sometimes, two boxers provide a fine scrap however many times they meet. Such a pair are Larry Richards, Leicester, 129, and Mark Hill, Wednesbury, 129. In this their fifth meeting, Richards won by 59-57 over six. The score is now two wins to Richards, one to Hill, and two drawn.

▲Templemore Complex, Derry—British lightweight champion Charlie Nash "kayoed" Spanish-based Panama boxer Adolfo Osses, 136¼, in three.

This was a return contest, Osses having won the first on a cut-eye stoppage last year.

This time, it was no match. Nash dropped his man in the opening round, the Spaniard unwisely rose almost immediately, and Osses somehow got through the first session.

After a one-sided second round, with Nash jabbing and hooking away at will and Osses not landing at all, it was just a question of how long it would last before either Osses was stopped or the referee intervened.

Just over a minute of the third has passed when a right to the body made him gasp, drop his gloves, and then decide to take a seat on the canvas in Nash's corner.

He remained in this position, arm draped around the rope, and started to get up at "nine." It was adjudged that he had not beaten the count, and there was no protest from Osses.

A disappointing contest, and the fans gave vent to their feelings. The Spaniard was without a doubt the most unpopular man in the hall, and it didn't seem a worthy performance from a fighter who claimed to have had over one hundred bouts.

It must have been the easiest victory y of Nash's entire career. He's probably taken more punches in a spar-session, and from his point of view it was a pity he didn't get a chance of spending a longer period in the ring.

Irish featherweight champ Damien McDermott gained a fine eight-rounds points win over Jackie McGill, Glasgow, 129¾, scoreline 79-74.

McGill did well to recover from a fourth round knockdown and also from swellings around the eyes which obviously affected his vision. But there could be no doubt as to the winner.

In his first fight in nine months, McDermott impressed with his sharp punching and his confidence, and thoroughly deserved to beat a man rated number ten in Britain.

Also having his first bout for nine months, Northern Ireland bantam champ Neil McLaughlin, 117¾, outscored Ian Murray, Manchester, 120¾, over eight by 79-75.

Not until the halfway stage did these two really get to grips, by which time Neil had jabbed his way in front. In the sixth, he put Murray on the canvas, and the latter earned rebukes from the referee for careless use of the head.

Continuing the saga of inactive boxers, Gerry Young, Belfast, 152¾, came back after over a year's absence to beat Don Hughes, Glasgow, 157¾, the referee intervening in the fifth when Hughes was cut over the left eye.

Hughes has been warned several times for misuse of the head. He protested the stoppage.

Frank McCord, Cardiff, 139, beat Benny McQuade Purdy, Belfast, 135, the bout being stopped after Purdy had been decked.

▲Afon Lido, Aberavon—On the canvas in the fourth, Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 134, got up to outpoint champion Kelvin Webber, 134, over ten and take the Welsh lightweight crown. weight crown.

Galleozzie was a previous holder of the title, losing it to Johnny Wall last year. Webber then beat Wall.

Galleozzie boxed methodically, but didn't find it easy against a man who had plenty of confidence. Once Webber got on top, he did his best to remain there.

After a good opening, Galleozzie was caught with several good body shots in the third and fourth, when he went down. He got up almost immediately.

Then, for some reason or other, Webber altered his tactics, and instead of keeping the pressure on, took it off. Martin then came back into the fight, and some good left-hand work was responsible for the swelling which closed Webber's left eye in the eighth.

Galleozzie found little difficulty in keeping on top until the end, with Webber tiring appreciably.

Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 145, became the Welsh welter champ by outpointing Mike Copp, Swansea, 144¾, over ten by 99-94, but it wasn't to contest to enthuse over, and even the referee's continued pleas didn't succeed in raising the tempo much.

Only in the two final rounds did the fight come to life, when McKenzie launched an all-out attack that had Copp backing up.

Third Welsh title fight on the bill saw Bill Vivian, Merthyr, 138, win the vact light-welter crown by outscoring Dill Collins, Llantwit Major, 138½, over ten by 97-96.

A real close one, with both men starting slowly, then working up to some good closing rounds, with Collins doing well to overcome the handicap of a cut by the left eye.

Both had their moments, and this must have been a difficult one to score.

Another narrow verdict saw Colin Jones, Gorseinon, 146, keep his unbeaten record by outpointing Belgian Frankie Decaesteker, 144½, by 58-57 over six.

Many believed that the Belgian deserved to win, and there was some booing at the close. Frankie certainly tried hard all the way, and Jones had to pull out all the stops in order to win this one.

Vernon Penprase, Plymouth, 130, beat Billy Rabbitt, Belfast, 136, who retired at the end of the fourth, after being under pressure.

Chirs Lawson, Cardigna, 170, defeated Trevor Kerr, Enniskillen, 170, the bout being stopped in the fourth. Lawson was in command throughout.

Dai Davies, Swansea, 138, outpointed Negel Thomas, Llanelli, 142, over six by 59-57.

▲World Sporting Club, London—British lightweight champ Charlie Nash, 133, beat Frenchman Rene Martin, 132, the bout being stopped in the seventh, with the latter cut by the left eye.

There was never any danger of Nash losing this one, but the Frenchman was always willing to make a fight of it, and gave Charlie quite a good work-out.

The taller Nash jabbed away methodically for two or three rounds, then increased the tempo, and hooked with precision to head and body.

Martin went through a torrid time in the fifth, when it looked as if he was going to wilt. His nose bled, but he continued to fight back.

There were several toe-to toe exchanges in the sixth and seventh, Martin throwing long right hands, some of which landed, and Nash retaliating with more accurate and solid punches.

Charlie was tagged with more right-handers than he should have been, but they were not hard punches, and when he opened out the Frenchman always looked in trouble.

At the beginning of the seventh, the referee inspected Martin's eye injury, and it came as no surprise when he stopped the bout with seven seconds of the round remaining.

A game display by Martin, but all the class came from Nash.

Karl Canwell, Stoke Newington, 175, defeated Tom Collins, Leeds, 174, the bout being stopped in the sixth with Collins still upright but not throwing a lot of punches.

Joe Oke, Ghana, 156, beat Terry Knight, Brighton, 157, the referee intervening in the fifth after an all-out assault that had Knight seemingly defenseless.

Ken Jones, Wales, 168, outscored Shaun Chalcraft, 177, over six by 60-54, winning every round.

Tommy Thomas, Tottenham, 142½, stopped Brendan Devine, Chatteris, 142, the referee intervening in round two after Devine had been down twice.

Wakefield—Neil Malpass, 214, kept his Central Area heavyweight title by drawing with Paul Sykes, Wakefield, 216, over ten. Many felt that Sykes deserved the verdict, but it was much closer than the critics had thought, and Sykes must have been disappointed at the outcome.

Sykes produced plenty of aggression, and preferred it in close. Malpass, on the other hand, used an accurate left jab and was able to take a lot of punches on his gloves.

Based on the number of blows that landed, Sykes might consider himself unlucky not to get the verdict, but on the night it wasn't one of his better performances.

Next time, things could be very different, and I would think there must be a next time.

Prince Rodney, Huddersfield, 149, outpointed Horace McKenzie, Cardiff, 148, over eight by 79-76. The nineteen-year-old Rodney improves with every fight, and has lost only one of his eleven bouts.

Tony Sibson, Leicester, 166, won every round in outscoring Bonny McKenzie, Cardiff, 167, over eight by 80-72. McKenzie was down four times, but Tony couldn't keep him down.

Richard Kenyon, Halifax, made it six bouts without defeat by outpointing Dave Merrill, Leeds, 162, over eight by 79-72. Merrill was decked twice.

Ron Green, Stoke, 177, won practically every round in outpointing Theo Josephs, Huddersfield, 178, by 80-73 over eight.

▲Mayfair Ballroom, Newcastle—George Scott, Newcastle, 214, drew with Terry O'Connor, 216, over eight.

Neil Malpass, Doncaster, 216, beat substitute Colin Flute, Tipton, the referee intervening in the sixth after Flute had been down.

Reg Long, Peterlee, 186, outscored Paul Tucker, Newcastle, 202, over six by 60-57, not losing a round.

George Bailey, Bradfor, 112, outpointed Jackie Dinning, Newcastle, 114, over six by 59-58. Dinning was down in the fourth.

Norman Morton, Newcastle, outpointed Derek Nelson, Sunderland, 140, over six by 59-57.

SOUTH AFRICAN RING NEWS

By ED CLARK

▲CAPE TOWN—Bushy Bester forced Coenie Bekker to call it quits in the seventh round of a middleweight fight at the Goodwood Showgrounds. Bekker won the first round but, thereafter, received a pounding. Bekker, who was cut on the cheek in the first, had no counter to Bester's right hook and a series of right and left hooks had Bekker on the canvas twice in the seventh and the referee Alan O'Connor halted the fight.

Mervyn Smit stopped Johan Waltzleben, one, heavyweights; Willem Killen TKO'd Emil Brice, four, middles; Dassie Lockett decisioned Ricky Ainsley, four; middles; Steve Naude outscored Jopie Griesel, four, welters; Maxie Jonker outpointed Lukas Hickman, four, lightweights.

▲EMPANGENI—Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini and Gert Steyn scored impressive victories over British boxers before a crowd of five thousand at the Rugby ground stadium. Makhathini kayoed Howard Mills in the fifth round of a middleweight bout and Gert Steyn comfortably outpointed Joey Mack over eight rounds in a junior middleweight bout. After a quiet start, Makhathini caught Mills with a left hook in the third that spelt "trouble." Mills concentrated on right hooks to the body with "Tap Tap" using jabs and left hooks. Makhathini's southpaw stance gave Mills problems and the fourth round saw the visitor in difficulty. Midway through the fifth, a left hook caught Mills in the face and he went down. As he arose, a right and left was all that was needed to give Makhathini an impressive victory.

Gert Steyn put Mack down with a left hook to the head in the first and shortly afterwards a left-right combination had Mack on the canvas again. Mack weathered the storm, but was down twice in the second round. The rain made the ring slippery and both fighters had difficulty in keeping their footing. Mack used a left jab in the third to keep the fight at long range and improved to take the fifth, but Steyn, who had been out of action since February, boxed within himself and won clearly.

Norman Bromfield TKO'd Amon Ndhlovu, three, featherweights; Abel Brown TKO'd Siphwe Malinga, three, welters; Henna Hawkey and Ephraim "Bull" Moola ended even, four, welters; Themba "Blue Star" Buthelezi kayoed Isaac Dube, one, middleweights.

▲JOHANNESBURG—Middleweights: Charlie Weir stopped American Steve Smith in the second round at the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium before a crowd of eight thousand cheering spectators. Weir floored the American three times in the first round, and in the second, a vicious left hook to the head and following right crosses had Smith in trouble. Then a left hook to the solar plexus and Smith went down; unable to beat the count.

Weir moved into the attack swiftly in the first, shaking Smith with straight punches. Smith shot in a left hook that caught Weir on the chin and his straight right found the chin. Weir didn't even blink and went relentlessly after Smith. Left and right combinations had Smith down three times before the first round was over. (Smith was saved by the bell.) Weir came out in the second intent on an early victory and a left hook to the head hurt Smith. He was also hurt by right crosses. Then came the punch that had referee Christodoulou counting Smith out.

Harold Volbrecht, South African welterweight title holder, had to go the full ten rounds but he scored a clear victory over Henry Rhiney, British title holder. Rhiney showed an excellent defence but his reluctance to attack cost him most of the rounds except the last two.

Volbrecht twisted his ankle in the fourth and this hampered the South African, but his punching power was evident in Rhiney's refusal to make a fight of it. Rhiney's best round was the last when he shook Volbrecht with powerful uppercuts, but he left his attack too late.

In a heavyweight brawl scheduled for six rounds Jimmy Abbott knocked out Robbie Williams in the fifth round. Punches were thrown non-stop for the duration of the fight, but in the second round, Abbot butted Williams with his head and the referee gave Williams a five-minute rest before the fight resumed. Both men began to tire and in the fifth, Williams came out attacking and hurt Abbot with two rights to the head, but Abbott caught Williams with a short right and Williams sank to the canvas.

Bruce McIntyre kayoed Smiley Giesing, one, light heavyweights; Anthony Wiese decisioned Dickie Smith, four, lightweights; Guybon Yekise outpointed Kallie Swanepoel, four, featherweights.

▲CAPE TOWN—Daniel Mapanya decisioned American Dan Snyder over ten rounds at the Good Hope Centre in a middleweight fight. Both boxers were southpaws and Snyder, known as "Dancing Dan," stood his ground and allowed Mapanya to do the attacking. To Snyder's credit, he took all Mapanya's blows without flinching, and although the American lost clearly, he put up a spirited display and exposed Mapanya's limitations. Snyder was down in the fourth round via a hard right, but came back with a vengeance. Snyder's bobbing and weaving tactics foiled Mapanya, who had had a run of knockout victories.

Joe Hali retained his Cape middleweight title by kayoing Stanley Maxembengula in the third of a scheduled twelve-round bout.

Bramley Whiteboy continued his winning ways by outboxing K.O. specialist Phillip van As over eight rounds in the junior welterweight division. Cecil Baatjies decisioned Patrick Kholi, six, junior lightweights; Joshua Plaatjies TKO'd Petrus Karsten, four, lightweights; Alfred Mangxola outpointed Reggie Peters; four, bantamweights.

▲EAST LONDON—Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji and Shodesian Langton "Schoolboy" Tinago drew over ten rounds at the Sisa Dukashe Stadium in a lightweight bout. Mgxaji, out of action for months, was made to miss badly, but did enough to take the early rounds. By the middle of the fight, Tinago, using straight lefts to the face, went ahead as Mgzaji had no answer to this attack. In the sixth, a straight right to the jaw dislodged Mgxaji's gumshield. Mgxaji's best work was at close quarters and in the final stanza, he managed to land a hard right to the jaw. Pat Tshabalala TKO'd Volvart Rala, five, junior middles; Simon Dhladla decisioned Jack Jim, six, junior welters; Griffiths Mgijima easily outscored Emmanuel Gumede, six, welters; Guy Ratazayo outscored Jacob Morake, six, junior lightweights; Welile Nkosenkulu TKO'd Khulile Radu, four, bantams.

▲BLOEMFONTEIN—Albertus Opperman outfought Mark Melville over eight rounds in the light heavyweight division. Opperman, lacking in experience, came to the fore in the infighting and that gained him the decision.

Bushy Bester kayoed Johnnes Mthembu, five, middleweights; Mervin Smit kayoed Esau Mokoto, one, heavyweights; Kwagga Swanepoel outpunched Jama Qualinga, six, junior welters; Martin Jacobs outpointed Jopie Griessel, four, welters; Brian Smit TKO'd Lynwood Henney, four, catch-weights.

COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(AS OF AUGUST 15, 1978)

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Billy Aird (E)
2. John L. Gardner (E)
3. Les Stevens (E)
4. George Chuvalo (C)
5. Denton Ruddock (J)
6. Paul Sykes (E)
7. Neville Meade (J)
8. Ishaq Hussien (D)
9. Trevor Berbick (C)
10. Fonomanu Sekona (T)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Dave Green (E)
2. John H. Stracey (E)
3. Sakarai Ve (Fi)
4. Eddie Marcelle (Tr)
5. Ali Afakasi (MZ)
6. Vernon Lewis (Gu)
7. Henry Rhine (J)
8. Neil Pattel (A)
9. Chris Clark (C)
10. Billy Waith (W)

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Champion
Gary Summerhays (C)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Mustapha Wasaja (U)
3. Lotte Mwale (Z)
4. Tony Mundine (A)
5. David Conteh (E)
6. Bunny Johnson (J)
7. Victor Attivor (G)
8. Ernie Barr (Bah)
9. Tony Sibson (E)
10. **Joe Vella(A)**

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Lachie Austin (A)
1. Colin Powers (E)
2. Jeff Malcolm (A)
3. Clinton McKenzie (J)
4. Al Ford (C)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Frank Ropis (A)
7. Josef Nsubuga (U)
8. Joey Singleton (E)
9. Andy Broome (A)
10. Kerry Bell (A)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Championship
Vacant
1. Sulley Shittu (G)
2. Paul Ferreri (A)
3. Johnny Owen (W)
4. Wayne Evans (W)
5. Gary Davidson (E)
6. John Feeney (E)
7. Pedro Solo (A)
8. Wally Angliss (E)
9. George Sutton (W)
10. Roger Richens (A)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ayub Kalule (U)
1. Alan Minter (E)
2. Frankie Lucas (St. Vin.)
3. Al Korovou (A)
4. Kevin Finnegan (E)
5. Monty Betham (NZ)
6. Fernand Marcotte (C)
7. Bunny Sterling (J)
8. Jean-Claud Leclair (C)
9. Scorpion Ofosu (G)
10. Viti Patterson(NZ)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Len Blackmore (Guy)
1. Claude Noel (T)
2. Jim Watt (S)
3. Charlie Nash (I)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Billy Mulholland (A)
6. Barry Michael (A)
7. Johnny Claydon (E)
8. Cornelius Boza-Edwards (U)
9. Fitzroy Giuseppe (Belize)
10. Gaeton Hart (C)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Patrick Mambwe (Z)
1. Charlie Magri (E)
2. Steve Bell (A)
3. Glen Walsh (A)
4. Dave Smith (E)
5. Charlie Brown (A)
6. Neil McLaughlin (I)
7. John Hipwell (A)
8. Wayne Mulholland (A)
9. Sharkey Hughes (A)
10. Gary Bice (A)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Maurice Hope (Ant)
1. Rocky Mattioli (A)
2. Elisha Obed (B)
3. Jimmy Batten (E)
4. Wally Carr (A)
5. Tony Poole (E)
6. Jim Gillon (A)
7. Larry Paul (E)
8. Pat Thomas (St. K.)
9. Dave Proud (E)
10. Torkanu Marcos (A)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Eddie Ndukwu (N)
1. David Kotey (G)
2. Dave Needham (E)
3. Brian Roberts (A)
4. Alan Richardson (E)
5. Les Pickett (W)
6. Jimmy Flint (E)
7. Nick Lo Bianco (A)
8. Brian Schofield (A)
9. Paddy Graham (I)
10. Gerry Duffy (S)

John Aba (Papua) is the junior lightweight champion. Contenders are Billy Moeller (A) and Kazeen Armah (Nigeria).

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WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Tommy Evans halted Mike Quarry, 8
Len Lawson beat Tony tone, 6
Fili Moala stopped Terry Kruger, 3
Sugarbear Williams halted Jimmy Phillips, 2
Calvin Cross halted Dwayne Bonds, 2
Quickmoney Lumpkin, won over Smokey Middleton, 8
Charlie Polite beat Joe Velmure, 8
Roosevelt Brown halted Jose Rivera, 5
Young Charles Cox whipped Sam Miller, 6
Duane Bobick stopped Jerry Thompkins, 2
George Chaplin beat Bobby Jordan, 6
Dennis McAllister beat Quinnie Locklear, 6
Ira Martin halted Emperor Harris, 2
Steve Zourski whipped Joe Maye, 4
Simon Mircea kayoed Mark Junior, 2
Reggie Phillips won over Bashir Wadu, 5
Clyde Russell halted Mark Orman, 1
Dave Bowen stopped John Montana, 1
Willie Shannon stopped Walter Santemore, 2
Oliver Phillips beat Tommy Thomas, 10

LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHTS

Jim Ingram beat Bashiru Alli, 6
William Tavake beat Charles Terrell, 4
Julius Noble stopped Percy Hairston, 8
Manny Feitas stopped Jimmy Diego Roberson, 2
Vonzell Johnson halted Chuck Warfield, 7
Henry Sims beat Lucky Patterson, 4
(Correction of a bout fought on June 28th)
Johnny Wilburn won over Lou Butler, 6
Frank Moore lost to Don Addison, 6
Bashiru Alli whipped Billy Tavake, 6
Ronnie Wilson won over Len Provo, 10
Ed Grady whipped Clint Curry, 4
Kevin Smith kayoed Bobby Smith, 9

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Marvin Hagler whipped Bennie Briscoe, 10
Tyrone Freeman and Richie Bennett drew, 6
(U.S. Middleweight Title)
Ayub Kalule stopped Milton Owens, 6
Torben Anderson beat Joe Lally, 4
Jimmy Pickard beat Per Mullertz, 6
Vito Antuofermo whipped Willie Classen, 10
Fred Reed halted Danny Cohen, 1
Don Addison beat Dan Veskovic, 4
Dan Vescovic and Willie Bermudez drew, 6
Dom DiMarzo halted Earl Harris, 2
Dave Meadows stopped Terry Texidor, 3
Hugo Corro beat Ronnie Harris, 15
(World Middleweight Title)
Norberto Cabrera whipped Dave Love, 10
Leon McCullum and Marcus Dorsey Drew, 6
Robert Perry stopped Oscar Balderas, 6
James Waire won over Ted Sanders, 6
Dean McCartin halted Mike Hickman, 3
Milton Owens beat Irvin Hines, 10
Frankie Suarez whipped Lonnie Washington, 6
Rocky Tassone beat Archie Andrews, 10

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Jimmy Jackson halted Sultan Saladin, 5
Bert Lee beat Joel Carranza, 6
Alex Porrata halted Eddie Roberts, 8
Ben Sanchez won over Reinaldo Oliviera, 8
Steve Gregory and Randy Milton Drew, 8
Fernando Fernandez beat Beau Jaynes, 8
Masasha Kudo beat Eddie Gazo, 15
(WBA Jr. Middleweight Title)
Adolfo Rivas beat John English, 10
Alvin Anderson stopped Wilson Bell, 7
Sammy Masias and Freddy Johnson fought NO CONTEST, 4
Mike Esey beat Jessie Baker, 4
Pete Lewis stopped Jish Ivy, 3
Fightting Jim halted Tyrone Phelps, 8
Jimmie Heair stopped Jimmie Corkum, 3
Curtis Parker stopped Dan Snyder, 3

WELTERWEIGHTS

Ron Cummings halted Willie Hearne, 2
Ron Pettigrew and Juan Reboto Drew, 6
Jimmy Corkum halted Charles Benjamin, 5
Wilbur Cameron halted Rene Fontanez, 2
Eddie Marcelle beat Roy Harry, 10
Dale Staley stopped Floyd Pittman, 3
Tony Petronelli whipped Randy Milton, 10
Fernando Fernandez beat Jessie Rogers, 6
Charlie Benjamin whipped Frank Brimage, 6
Zeferino Gonzales beat Rudy Barro, 10
Jorge Fernandez won over Rodney Harvey, 4
Julie Mullen and Valerie Ganther Drew, 4 (WOMEN)
Jimmy Jackson beat Pablo Baez, 10
Curtis Lewis and Agapito Ramirez Drew, 2 (Tech. Draw)
Clyde Spencer kayoed Dwaine Rice, 2
Tommy Hearns stopped Eddie Marcelle, 2
Danny Paul stopped Ron Florek, 5
Josef Pachler beat Jorgan Hansen, 9 (via disq.)
(European Welterweight Title)
Earl Liburd beat Fighting Hunks, 12
Pedro Rojas beat Ray Hammond, 10
Mike Picciotti beat Luis Vega, 6
Hans Henrik Palm beat Rony Martey, 8
Wilfredo Benitez stopped Randy Shields, 6

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes halted Norman Sekgapane, 9
(WBA Jr. Welterweight Title)
Jose Talamentez beat Vicente Hernandez, 10
Alfredo Carranza whipped Genaro Gloria, 6
Robert Willcot lost to Eric Bonilla, 6
Bobby Grant whipped Steve Snow, 4
Alfredo Logan lost to Mark Ibanez, 5
Miguel Montilla, halted Memo Cruz, 4
Tony Petronelli whipped Randy Milton, 10
Roberto Perez, halted Jimmy Martinez, 6

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Herman Montes beat Isaac Marin, 10
Daniel Patino won over Eric Bonilla, 6
Reynaldo Zaragoza halted Victor De La Cruz, 2
Ernesto Gonzalez stopped Chuck Spicer, 3
Tommy Rose Stopped George Fakaris, 8
Johnny Lira halted Andrew Ganigan, 6
(US Lightweight Title)
Leroy Haley kayoed Tony Martinez, 3
Claude Noel stopped Warren Matthews, 2
Vilomar Fernandez beat Alexis Arguello, 10
Raphael Limon halted Juan Villa, 7
Frankie Baltazar kayoed Leonico Meza, 4
Terry Strapnel whipped Robert Garcia, 6
Irleis Perez stopped Eric Bonilla, 1
Jerry Wiles stopped Roland Brookter, 3
Gonzalo Montellano won over Isaac Marin, 10
Fili Ramirez and Juan Sanchez Drew, 8
Jorge Morales stopped Curtis Ramsey, 5
Greg Winston whipped George Sydnor, 4
Louie Hubela outpointed Jimmy McNeece, 6.

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS

Pedro Torres beat Roberto Velasquez, 4
Francisco Pico stopped Conrado Martin, 2
Ruben Castillo stopped Roman Contreras, 5
Fernando Flores lost to Daniel Patino, 4
Lydia Bayardo whipped Joan Williams, 4 (WOMEN)
Francisco Flores halted Peter King, 2
Bazooka Limon halted Juan Villa, 7
Fel Clemente beat Ernesto Herrera, 10
Claude Noel stopped Hilbert Stevenson, 3, and halted Warren Matthews, 2
Natale Vezzoli whipped Isidoro Cabeza, 15
(European Jr. Lightweight Title)
Sal Dragone beat Melvin Boynton, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Juan Martinez whipped Jesus Reyes, 8
Gustavo Martinez was stopped by Benny Marquez, 1
Roberto Rubaldino stopped Cesar Deciga, 4
Ruben Castillo halted Roman Contreras, 5
Cecilio Lastra knocked out Heleno Ferreira, 1
Carlos Zuniga halted Horacio Pintado, 5
Kid Chocolate kayoed Bean Chavez, 1
Royal Koayashi beat Spider Nemoto, 12
(OPBF Featherweight Title)
Park In-Kyu and Eijiro Murata, Drew 12
William Berry whipped Juan Meza, 10
Jose Nieto kayoed Freddie Figueroa, 2.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Oscar Muniz whipped Ruben Solorio, 10
Eleoncio Mercedes beat Juan Garcia, 6
Sam Kahikina stopped Ignacio Morla, 4
Roberto Rubaldono halted Cesar Desiga, 4
Enrique Sanchez won over Manuel Vasquez, 10
Daryl Jones beat Raymundo Osorio, 8
Ernesto Rios stopped Catalino Flores, 5
Jeff Chandler beat Sergio Reyes, 8

FLYWEIGHTS

Juan Manuel Sanchez whipped Jose Luis Lara, 6
Sirley Tucker beat Karen Bennett, 4 (Women)
Baby Perez was halted by Jose Caba, 2
Noel Arrisegado stopped Jose Resendiz, 9
Guty Espadas lost to Betulio Gonzalez, 15
(WBA Flyweight Title)
Netrnoi Vorasinghi halted Luis Estabe, 5
(WBC Jr. Flyweight Title)
Mike Stuart defeated Rafael Rubio, 12
(Calif. Flyweight Title)
Netrnoe Vorasingh halted Luis Estaba, 5
Yoko Gushiken halted Kim Mak Dong, 6

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VETERAN BOXERS' BEAT

By Harry Warren

OVER in London, England, recently, it was my good fortune to meet up with BERNIE TERRELL. This handsome ex-boxer, with his lovely wife, CAROL, now are the Licensee-operators of the Wolf Public House, at Dedworth, in the Royal City of Windsor. As southern Area welterweight champion, BERNIE was undefeated. He then moved into top contention and fought RALPH CHARLES for his British and Commonwealth titles. Alas—it wasn't to be. At the Royal Albert Hall in London, on May 9, 1971, Ralph won on a technical K.O. when the R.S.F. in the 8th-round. On 15 Feb, 1972, BERNIE lost again, this time to JOHN H. STRACEY. STRACEY was later to win the British, European and world welterweight titles. BERNIE TERRELL was managed by my old friend GEORGE FRANCIS. After 39 bouts, with only four losses. TERRELL hung up his gloves. Drop over to his pub and, probably, you might be drinking with a real "live" Duke or even a "Princess," who reside at the nearby Windsor Castle. BERNIE belongs to the London Ex-Boxer Association. . . It was my lucky day. I was invited to the National Sporting Club by its founder, Jack Solomons. The fight program was headed by former British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion DANNY McALINDEN and leading contender TOM KIELY. The fight finished in the favor of KIELY and perhaps by the time McALINDEN reads this, he too will be a Veteran Boxer and if he joins an association of ex-boxers, I'd like to hear about it. On the dais, I chatted with former world middle champion TERRY DOWNS. He is looking in tip-top condition and financially secure, I understand. Promoter JACK SOLOMONS, although in his late 70's, and suffering from an illness, was in apparent good spirits and we reminiced about when I fought on his programs in the middle 1940's. PADDY BYRNE, who is matchmaking for SOLOMONS, went out of his way to make me comfortable. The dinner-fight programs are really something to behold. Three-hundred beautifully turned out patrons in Tuxedo's. Allow me to apologise for attending the function in a non-formal suit. The membership of these dinner-fight clubs are former boxers avid fight buffs and most are executives of businesses in the London area. The membership is screened by a board of directors and the membership rates although they vary from club to club, the N.S.C. is & 70 Pounds (sterling) approximately $140.00. The dinners are paid for separately, so its not exactly a club for the average person. A member that I must make remarks on, was a dear friend of mine, who attended fights whenever he could. He is famous in Great Britain and in many parts of Europe, has appeared in motion pictures, television and radio, and his current show "Soap Box" over British radio is very popular. His name-Why-"CHEERFUL CHARLIE CHESTER." He is one of boxing's greatest boosters. . .

Visiting Brighton and Hove, England's most famous seaside resort was a sheer joy, but the highlite of the visit was attending the meeting of Ex-Boxers Association of Sussex. Although it was 11 A.M. on a Sunday morning, over 100 former boxers were attending the meeting at their clubroom, located at the Country Cricket Ground at Hove, under the gavel of the president, former British heavyweight contender-ERNIE WOODMAN, and how this former great fighter finds time to attend meetings amazes me, as he is the father of twenty-one boys and 1 girl and only one wife. "I'm still very much in love with my wife." JACK "KID" BERG, who on Feb. 18, 1930, captured the jr. welterweight championship of the world from MUSHY CALLAHAN, the First President of the association, was in atttendance and he asked me to convey his best wishes to all his former opponents in the U.S.A, and his many friends. JACKIE who lives in a country-setting in West Sussex, is financially secure, drives a Rolls Royce, works occasionally for T.V. and Film companies as a consultant, and is currently working on his autobiography. Contact with JACKIE by writing to 24, The Roystons, East Preston, W. Sussex, England. Former boxers and associates who wish to join the Sussex-Ex-Boxers Association contact ERNIE WOODMAN at 11 Wilbury Road, Hove, or Fred Parish, 54 Rutland Gardens, Hove, Sussex. . . GIL (Big Gil) STROMQUIST, who fought heavyweight in the 40's and 50's, paid a flying visit to New York City, on his way to attend the Dinner and Dance hosted by the International (Ladies Auxiliary) Veteran Boxers Association, presided over by JO HANDLEY, at Newark, New Jersey. BIG GIL, looked remarkably fit-he is sixty, stands 6-feet ten-inches and weighs in at 250-pounds. Owner of a nite-club at 5500 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas, 78745. Heard of the death of another fistic great, NICK CASTIGLIONE, one of Chicago's own sons. This former lightweight luminary had a record that included the best in his division. SAMMY ANGOTT, WILLIE JOYCE, DAVEY DAY, PETE LELLO, SUGAR RAY ROBINSON, LEO RODAK . . . Former lightweight king BEAU JACK took off from his duties as executive-in-charge of the Valet Shop and his Tie store at the beautiful Fontainebleau Hotel on Miami Beach, to be the honored guest at the initial Annual Banquet of the Cuban Boxing Hall of Fame in the area of Miami, Florida, known as "Little Havana.". . . Former world heavyweight champion INGEMAR JOHANSSON, has been enjoying the Florida sunshine playing golf, going to the races, and is reckoned to hold his own at tennis. He has been residing at Lighthouse Point. . . One of my favorite people is AUDREY JONES. This lady is very much involved with veteran boxers and is secretary of the National VBA. Her love for boxing was shared with her late husband, JERSEY JONES, a prolific writer who became world-widely known as a writer with the Ring Magazine. AUDREY also writes and her monthly magazine "Punch" is circulated to all National VBA members. Interested former boxers contact the good lady at 34 Pulaski Drive, North Arlington, New Jersey 07032. . . The Montreal "Old-Timers Boxing Group Inc;" apart from other fund-raising efforts, are to promote a boxing program. They are seeking to create a Boxing Hall of Fame in the city of Montreal. . . . . This column was delighted to hear that former middle and light-heavy contender during the 1950's is still involved. His name is well known to New Yorker's. I'm referring, of course, to ANGELO DEFENDIS. He is the head boxing coach at the B and B Boxing Club. Located on the busy section of Avenue U only a stones throw from Coney Island, the gym is a hive of industry. Former lightweight star MICKEY SPATARO is assistant to DEFENDIS. Former Coney Island featherweight PAT MARCUNE, JERRY CAPPA, a useful flyweight in the 50's and JOE LaGUARDIA, top lightweight in the 30's, contender AL ROTH and SAVERIO TURRIELLO drop in to the gym to help out when they have the time. The Brooklyn N.Y. Gymnasium and clubhouse will do much to keep the city boys involved with boxing. . . Have received letters from readers asking about veteran women boxers? This column will publish news of the female boxer of the past, if contacted. A Womens World World Boxing Association however has been formed, contact TED WALKER, P.O. Box 3239, Incline Village, Nevada. 89450. Also, as far as this column knows, no veteran boxing association of women has been formed. Other than the Ladies Auxiliary of the International VBA, and the National VBA, no other groups are known. JO HANDLEY, president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the IVBA, 108 Montgomery St, Piscataway, New Jersey, or Mrs. Audrey (Jersey) JONES, president of the National VBA, mentioned previously, will be happy to hear from you. . .

VILOMAR UPSETS ARGUELLO, ESCALERA KO'S STANTON, AT MSG

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a humdinger, turned out to be a washout for Larry Stanton, of Merrick, L.I., 134½ pounds, and Alfredo Escalera, flashy Puerto Rican, 134¼ pounds, which was halted by referee Johnny LoBianco in 2:13 of the third round.

From the outset, it was apparent that Stanton fought the wrong kind of battle against his opponent, who started to take charge right after the opening gong and was master of the situation throughout. Stanton, who has had some good fights, simply didn't have it. After the bout was halted, Stanton's father and two brothers, started to argue with the referee about his halting of the fight. Johnny's action was correct.

AN eight-round special saw Felix Perez, of White Plains, hook up in a terrific slugging match with Paddy Dolan, of Northport, L.I., one of the preliminaries handled by Referee Vinnie Rindone. These two scrappers had the crowd on edge as they battled each other tooth and nail, with Perez, at 135, getting the nod over his opponent, who scaled in at 134½. The verdict was unanimous.

A so-so-six spot, that followed the Escalara-Stanton duel, saw Juan LaPorte, from New York, 128 pounds, receive a unanimous duke over Ray Viruet, of Puerto Rico, 126½. This was a boring affair and the crowd voiced its dissatisfaction with the action. They tried but their styles didn't blend.

The first of the fours saw Tommy McNeece, of Oakdale, L.I., 166¾, receive the duke over Don Addison, of Waterbury, Conn., 171. Louis Hubela, of Brooklyn, 135, captured the decision over Clyde Beattie, of Albany, N.Y., scaling 136 pounds, in another four-rounder.

MANY fistic luminaries were introduced before the main event. The man who got the most applause was former two time heavyweight king Floyd Patterson, now a member of the State Athletic Commission. Among the rest of the past gladiators presented and well received were former five time champion Emile Griffith, Tami Muriello, Bronxite, who fought them all, including Joe Louis, and the crack welterweight Joe Micelli, who was managed by Harry Stickevers.

COVERSON, JOHNSON, WIN BY KO'S

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stiff right hand to White's chin, causing him to fall for the ten-count in the middle of the first round, and causing ringside physician Leo Rasmussen to caution Promoter Grooms to watch him throughout the night as he was slow in recovering. The next fight featured Vonzell ("The Warrior") Johnson, and covered an exciting seven rounds, as he pummeled opponent Chuck Warfield of Chicago into submission, hitting him with everything he knew. One thing to be said for Warfield, though he lost a seven-round TKO, and was unable to defend himself, he ended the fight standing. This boosts his record to 18-1.

The evening was topped off by an exciting performance by singer Dorthea Sudduth, whose mellow, yet inspiring performance drew plenty of praise from the crowd. Dorthea, a local teacher from Oakwood Jr. High School, made her debut in Kalamazoo with the backup of the second featured group, Cloudburst. Cloudburst also presented a stage show featuring renditions of hits by several current groups such as the O'Jays and the Commodores. The three lead singers fronted by band leader Greg Williams, appeared in white and black tuxedos and prepared to give the crowd an exhibition in style and grace as they choreographed their dance steps with the music.

All in all, the evening was a success, not only in the opinion of the people attending, but also for the Borgess Service League who presented the event, along with promoter Grooms, in an effort to raise funds for much needed equipment at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo.

CORRO RETAINS TITLE, GETS NOD OVER HARRIS

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The scoring was as follows: Referee Waldemar Schmidt, 145-143; Judge Juan Jose Guerra, 146-145; and Judge Jesus Cellis, 146-144; all for Hugo.

Next on the list for Corro is a rematch with Rodrigo Valdes in Buenos Aires. Why? It's just Valdes' turn again. He fights every other bout for the world middle crown. Rodrigo will be in his tenth middleweight championship bout. He held the title a few months after Monzon retired. Either Valdes lives right or he has the right connections. At this press date, he hasn't boxed since losing to Corro. Yet, he gets the shot, as Marving Hagler, Vito Antuofermo, and Mike Colbert, none of whom have had a championship chance, look on. The T.V. people must like reruns.

GONZALEZ CAPTURES WBA FLY TITLE

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would not finish the round. But Lady Luck smiled at Betulio; the champion ran out of gas.

Betulio's first defense will be against either Chile's Martin Vargas or WBC junior flyweight king Netrnoi Vorasingh of Thailand.

There is also talk of Gonzalez boxing world and WBA flyweight champion Miguel Canto. Gonzalez and Canto have boxed three times, with Canto winning twice.

Gonzalez also holds a win over Prudencio Cardona, Venezuela, the WBA junior featherweight champion.

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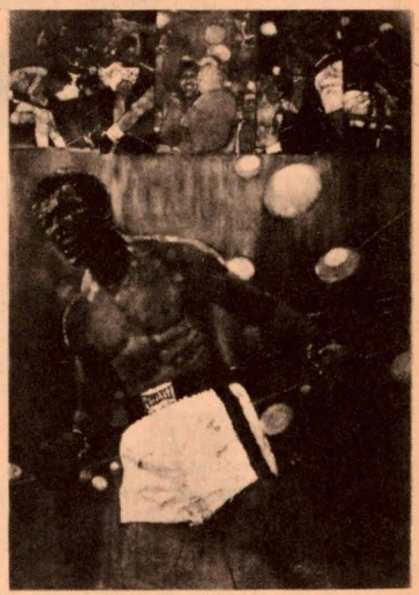

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By JACK A. TREE

JOSEF PACHLER IS NEW EUROPEAN WELTER KING

BERLIN — The new European welterweight champion is Josef "Tiger" Pachler of Austria. Champion Jorgen Hansen, Denmark, turned down a generous offer of DM 100,000 to make a voluntary defense in Berlin against the locally based Yugoslav, Marijan Benes, and accepted less in facing Pachler in Austria. Hansen lost his European crown to Jorg Eipel, Germany, in Berlin in August of last year, being disqualified in round thirteen when he was street's ahead on points. Hansen was not keen on making a second trip to the divided city in case he should fall foul of the officials a second time. Eipel lost his crown to Alain Marion of France last December and Hansen won back his title, beating Marion. Jorgen Hansen might as well have accepted the Berlin date for he did not better at Villach, where, before a crowd of nearly four thousand, he was disqualified by referee Angelo Poletti at the close of round eight. As Pachler turned his back on the Dane as the bell sounded, Hansen let go a punch which landed on the back of the Austrian's neck, sending him to the boards. Pachler, seven years younger than Hansen (35) was behind on points when the fight was brought to a close. Johann Orsolics was the last Austrian to wear the welterweight crown, ruling in 1969/70.

European featherweight champion Robert Castanon (24) retained his crown, beating Frenchman Amatler, who was seven years older than the champion. Amatler took a count in round two and after he was decked a third time, the referee called a halt in the fifth. This was the 93rd fight in the featherweight division and Castanon is the 30th champion.

German Willi Hoepner, European light heavyweight champion in 1954 and 1958, has left us long before his time. He died recently at the age of fifty-five. He had been training young amateurs in Africa.

GERMANY

▲**Rosenheim** — A crowd of 2000 attended promoter Ottmar Graf's show, which featured German middleweight hope, George Steiherr (25). The German beat Idrissa Konate, Senegal, based in France, in three rounds. Steinherr has lost only one of his fourteen bouts. Light heavy Gregory Downes, Bahamas, based in Berlin, outscored Christano Cavina, Italy, six rounds. Middleweight. Damiano Lassandro, Italy, beat German, Wolfgang Gans, KO2. Light heavys: Kurt Oerter, Germany, outpointed Michael McCoy, four rounds. Junior welterweights: Vincenzo Quero, Italy, decisioned Abaso Macauley, Tongo, six. Welterweights: Guiseppo Russi, Italy, drew his six-rounder with fellow countryman Augusto Lauri.

ITALY

▲**Ladispoli** — Junior lights: Alessandro Mardi decisioned Salvatore Dui, Six.

▲**Forte Village** — Middleweights: Damiano Pellegino outpointed Antonio Crescenza, six. Junior middles: Giuseppe Mazsei decisioned Giuseppe Cola, six.

▲**Bologna** — Welterweights: Edison Lima outscored Antonio Stocchino, six. Middleweights: Mario Pagani and Luciano Bomben drew, six. Lightweights: Lucio Cusma and Alfonso Carrillo shared the points over six rounds.

▲**Parma** — Junior welters: Eufemio Epifani outscored Graziano Gusai, six. Luciano Navarra decisioned Giuseppe Minotti, six. Junior middle: Donato Romano beat Giancarlo Serangeli, TKO4.

▲**Marino** — Light heavyweights: Lino Lemma remains undefeated, beating Antonio Salatino, TKO4.

▲**Cattolica** — Junior middles: Luigi Marini beat Bernardo Bonizzoni, KO1. Welters: Guildo di Rocco beat Angelo Fenu, KO3.

▲**Sondrio** — Lights: Abasse Macauley outscored Ugo Poli, eight. Middleweight. Roberto Manoni decisioned Ray Opoku, six. Southpaw Giorgio Giana remains undefeated beating Luciano Bolis, TKO4. Feathers: Gianfranco Lalli beat Mario Cappellotto, TKO2.

▲**Pascara** — Giancarlo Usai retained his Italian lightweight title, outscoring Rosario Sauna, twelve. Lights: Angelo Provenzano decisioned Eloy De Souza, six. Rosario Pomponi beat Alfonso Bonavita, TKO2. Light heavys: Giovanni Malandra outscored Luigi Panipucci, six.

▲**Palestrina** — Light heavyweight prospect Lino Limma TKO'd Giancarlo Mezzadra, one.

▲**Pesario** — Damiano Lassandro won the vacant Italian junior middleweight title, beating Clemente Gessi, TKO2. Junior middles: Luigi Minohillo beat George Martinez, KO1.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(AS OF AUGUST 18, 1978)

Heavyweights
Champion: Alfredo Evangelista (S)
1. Billy Aird (GB)
2. Lorenz Zanon (I)
3. Lucien Rodriguez (F)
4. John L. Gardner (GB)
5. Alfio Righetti (I)
6. Les Stevens (GB)
7. Dante Cane (I)
8. Tony Moore (GB)
9. Denton Ruddock (GB)
10. Domenico Adinolfi (I)

Light Heavyweights
Champion: Aldo Traversaro (I)
1. Mate Parlov (Yugo)
2. John Conteh (GB)
3. Rudi Koopmans (H)
4. Bunny Johnson (GB)
5. Emilio Cometti (I)
6. Sylvain Watbled (F)
7. Francois Fiol (S)
8. Robert Amory (F)
9. Avenamar Peralta (S)
10. Onelio Grando (I)

Middleweights
Champion: Alan Minter (GB)
1. Gratien Tonna (F)
2. Vito Antuofermo (I)
3. Kevin Finnegan (GB)
4. Frankie Lucas (GB)
5. Fernando Valsecchi (I)
6. Bunny Sterling (GB)
7. Frank Reiche (G)
8. Tony Sibson (GB)
9. George Steinherr (G)
10. Matti Salvemini (I)

Junior Middles
Champion: Maurice Hope (GB)
1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Frank Wissenbach (G)
3. Bruno Arcari (I)
4. Jimmy Barton (GB)
5. Andoni Amana (S)
6. Claude Martin (F)
7. Gilbert Cohen (F)
8. Tony Poole (GB)
9. Luigi Minchillo (I)
10. Damian Lassandro (I)

Welterweights
Champion: Josef 'Tiger' Pachler (A)
1. Jorgen Hansen (D)
2. Dave Green (GB)
3. John H. Stracey (GB)
4. Alain Marion (F)
5. Alois Carmeliet (B)
6. Dum Dum Pacheo (S)
7. Giovanni Moleslini (I)
8. Alain Ruocco (F)
9. Louis Accaries (F)
10. Francois Leon (S)

Junior Welterweights
Champion: Colin Powers (GB)
1. Fernand Sanchez (S)
2. Primo Bandini (I)
3. Clinton McKenzie (GB)
4. Cemal Kamaci (T)
5. Giovanni Martinese (I)
6. Hans Hendrik Palm (D)
7. Chris Davies (GB)
8. Calude Lormeau (F)
9. Joey Singleton (GB)
10. Efisio Pinna (I)

Lightweights
Champion: Jim Watt (GB)
1. Antonio Ginaldo (S)
2. Perico Fernandez (S)
3. Giancarlo Usai (I)
4. Charlie Nash (GB)
5. Vincenzo Burgio (I)
6. Antonio Puddo (I)
7. Vincenzo Quero (I)
8. Andre Holyk (F)
9. Jeronimo Lucas (S)
10. Manuel Vasquez (S)

Junior Lightweights
Champion: Natale Vezoli (I)
1. Isidoro Cabeza (S)
2. Maurice Apeang (F)
3. Georges Cotin (F)
4. Elio Cotena (I)
5. Carlos Hernandez (S)
6. Salvatore Liscapade (I)
7. Rodolfo Sanchez (S)
8. Aristide Pizzo (I)
9. Rene Martin (F)
10. Miguel Molleda (S)

Featherweights
Champion: Roberto Castanon (S)
1. Cecilio Lastra (S)
2. Manuel Masso (S)
3. Nino Jimenez (S)
4. Dave Needham (GB)
5. Allan Richardson (GB)
6. Les Pickett (GB)
7. Michele Siracusa (F)
8. Salvatore Melluzzo (I)
9. Michele Lefebvre (F)
10. Sergio Emili (I)

Bantamweights
Champion: Franco Zurlo (I)
1. Esteban Eguia (S)
2. Juan Francisco Rodriguez (S)
3. Guy Caudron (F)
4. Johnny Owen (GB)
5. Laurent Grimbert (F)
6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Luigi Tessarin (F)
8. Jacky Bihin (F)
9. Teodoro Corallo (I)
10. Alfredo Mulas (I)

Flyweights
Champion: Franco Udella (I)
1. Emilio Pireddu (I)
2. Mariano Garcia (S)
3. Giovanni Camputaro (I)
4. Charlie Magri (GB)
5. Claude Tanda (I)
6. Jose Cantero (S)
7. Manuel Carrasco (S)
8. David Smith (GB)
9. Sabatino De Filippo (I)
10. Domingue Cessari (F)

Legend: (B) Belgium; (D) Denmark; (F) France; (Fn) Finland; (G) Germany; (GB) Great Britain; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (L) Luxembourg; (N) Norway; (S) Spain; (Sd) Switzerland; (Sw) Sweden; (Y) Yugoslavia.

▲**Faenza** — Middleweights: Southpaw Matteo Salvemini beat Eric Seys, TKO4. Salvemini won a gold medal at a Spanish tournament in 1976 and was a quarter finalist in the 1975 European games. He has won all of his twelve professional bouts, nine inside the distance. Hendryk Seys, middle, beat Pagani, light heavy, TKO3. Heavyweight. Danilo Laghi, undefeated, outscored Robert Desoeck, six. Junior middleweight. Scarpelli outscored Chaid Ringo, TKO3.

▲**Milan** — Junior welters: Juan Jose Gimenez beat Antonio Amaya TKO6. Lights: Jose Sanchez beat Vincenzo Quero, TKO6. Aristide Pizzo beat Carlo Frassinetti, TKO2. Middle. George Steinherr, Germany, beat Antonio Mingardi, KO6. Junior light. Potito Di Muro beat Andrea Ricci, TKO2.

▲**Imola** — Junior middles: Joe Gibilisco outpointed Giuseppe Minotti, eight. Lights: Leo Scorza outpointed Antonio Germano, six. Flyweights: Filippo Belvedere outpointed Luigi Marini, six. Welters: Ivan Visani beat Danieli, KO2. Heavyweights: Undefeated Claudio Cassanelli decisioned Angelo Visini, six.

▲**Bellaria** — Cornelius Boxa Edwards, Uganda, based in Britain, won his first fight abroad, beating the Berlin based Turk, Ethem Ozekalin, in three rounds. Ozekalin took this bout at short notice which could have accounted for his poor performance. Referee Angelo Poletti called a halt after the Turk had taken a second standing count. Heavys: Alfio Righetti, who has won twenty-nine of his thirty bouts, losing only to Leon Spinks, beat Juan De La Garza, TKO3. Junior middles: Salvo Nuciforo, an Italian based in Britain, beat Rogelio Zarza of Argentina, TKO5.

FRANCE

Maurice Apeang won the French junior lightweight title beating champion, Georges Cotin. Cotin has been finding it difficult to make the weight recently and in future will campaign with the lightweight. Light heavy: Hocine Tafer and Sylvain Watbled, both undefeated and who have won most of their fights inside the distance, are world champions of the future in the eyes of many French critics.

SPAIN

▲**La Corne** — Robert Castanon retained his EBU featherweight title, stopping Frenchman Albert Amatler, five.

BOXING IN MEXICO

By EDUARDO AMER G.

MERIDA, YUCATAN—Freddie Castillo, 112, technically kayoed Juan Alvarez, 113, in the tenth and last round, after flooring him once in the seventh. Freddie "Riel" Hernandez, 112, of Colombia, decisioned Francisco "Trompo" Marquez, 114, in twelve rounds. Pedro Galaviz, 109, surprised the gang when he won by a TKO over Lupe Marera, 109, in the very first round. Antonio Avelar, 113, halted Matias Marin, 109, in eight. Adolfo Sanjeado, 137, tko'd Chuncho Salcedo, 136, in six.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—David "Maceton" Cabrera, 169, tko'd Emeterio Villanueva, 167, in three to retain Mexican lightheavyweight championship. Andres "Panterita" Ramirez, 145, outpointed Tito Cruz, 146, in ten. Jose Luis Lara, 117, tko'd Alfredo Vazquez, 116, in two. Eleuterio Davila, 135, tko'd Patricio Martinez, 135, in five. Leonel-Campos, 134 and Chucho Ramirez, 135, drew in four.

▲**CIUDAD OBREGON, SONORA** Jose Torres, 125, tko'd Norberto Cabrera, 125, stopped Salvador Torres, 126, in two. Celso Olivas, 146, tko'd Emilio Gonzalez, 145, in one. Benny "Pulga" Marquez, 116, iced Gustavo Martinez, 117, in one.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Alfredo Pitalua, 132, of Colombia, polished off Jose Luis Soberanes, 135, in five. Francisco Famoso, 147, bombed Rodolfo Valero, 144, one Elias Equihua, 190, demolished Alfredo Barajas, 195, in one. Gerardo Aviles, 125, defeated Agustin Martinez, 126, in six. Felipe Azamar, 126, tko'd Roberto Castillo, 121, one.

▲**GOMEZ PALACIO, DURANGO**—Vicente Mirajes, 135, tko'd Sigfrido Rodriguez, 135, in six. Refugio Rojas, 118, whipped Memo Ayala, 118, in ten. Jesus Bautista, 123, tko'd Antonio Rojas, 124, in six.

▲**TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS**—Adelaido Galindo, 113, tko'd Sergio Reyes, 112, in one. Leoncio Ortiz, 135, halted Alfonso Hernandez, 134, in seven. Rosalio Muro, 136, tko'd Chuy Macias, 135, one Jose Luis Escalante, 137, won by a disqualification over Javier Lozano, 137, three.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Roberto "Bobby" Ruiz, 112, outscored Ricardo—Varela, 112, in ten. Armando "Palitos" Perez, 110, and Hector Cortes, 109, drew, ten. Jorge Zarate, 116, tko'd Arturo "Manny"—Cano, 117, in four. Gerardo Gonzalez, 114, tko'd Jorge Medina, 115, in three on Jorge Castillo, 113, ko'd Davis Soriano, 112, in three.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISCO**—Ray "Pelon" Rodriguez, 112, destroyed Victor Hugo Aguirre, 112, in the opening round.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON**—Adan Chavarria, 145, bested Jose Luis Baltazar, 146, Mexican welterweight champion, in ten rounds.

▲**COATZAXCOALCOS, VERACRUZ**—Carlos Mimila, 125, tko'd Rosalio Badillo, 125, in two.

▲**TUXILA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS**—Jimmy Fernandez, 111, decisioned Ricardo Lira, 111, in ten. Daniel Guillen, 115, tko'd Gilberto "Zorrito" Morales, 115, in six. Ruben Torres, 126, tko'd Jose "Pajaro" Gomez, 125, in five.

▲**NAVOJOA, SONORA**—Ernesto Davis, 124, of Ranama, knocked out Adrian "Cachorro" Estrella, 124, in nine.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jose Luis Tapia, 135, won by disqualification from Celso Limon, 134, five. Fidencio Gonzalez, 124, tko'd Rodolfo Castillo, 124, six Ambrosio Luna, 117, tko'd Zenon Cosme, 117, in four. Pablo Flores, 112, and Manuel Mendoza, 112, drew six. Fidel Martinez, 116, tko'd Javier Daiz, 115, one.

▲**TUXTIA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS**—Abel Cordoba, 148, stopped Andres Hernandez, 146, three.

▲**GUADALAJARA, JALISON**—Juan Graciano, 136, nailed Gregorio Iracheta, 135, three. Rocky Alonso, 119, beat Rodolfo Quintero, 118, in ten.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON**—Antonio "Tony" Cruz, 146, tko'd Basilio Guarjardo, 145, in nine. Mike Aceves, 141, tko'd Jose Angel Pacheco, 140, in six.

▲**TARACHULA, CHIAPAS**—Chuy Pascasio, 117, put Juan Jose-Arias, 117, to sleep in one. Ignacio "Chucho" Saucedo, 118,-tko'd "Aguilita" Cruz, 118 in five.

▲**VALIADOLID, YUCATAN**Paulino Canche, 118, flattened Francisco Figueroa, 118, in two, to retain Yucatan bantamweight title. Wilbert Canche, 112, beat Guillermo Mis, 111, in ten. Jorge "Relampago" Castro, 117, kayoed Rolando Duran, 118, two "Paletero" Cauil, 117, defeated Alfredo Ac, 117, in six. Jorge Llanes, 108, bested Alfredo Chale, 109, four.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Raul Reynaldo Gorosito, 208, of Argentina, dicisioned Ismael Ruiz, 218, in ten. Julio Cruz, 170, tko'd Arturo "Coco" Garcia, 173, six Jose Luis Valencia, 111, tko'd Miguel "Raton" Gonzalez, 111, in five. Maurilio "Mauri" Maranon, 116, tko'd Fernando Hernandez, 119, six.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Jeses Ramirez, 134, tko'd Juan Sarmien to, 135, in two. Jose Reyes, 111, tko'd Fili Gonzalea, 111, in six. Tomas "Charaf" Cuellar, 108, stopped Aragon Perez, 107, in five. Ramon Villavicencio, 111, tko'd Raul Angeles, 111, in one Luis Casti-110, 111 tok'd Jose Rosalio, 110, in two.

▲**MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON**—Ernesto "King" Ruiz, 125, tko'd Ricardo "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 125, in eight. Francisco "Cuyo" Tovar, 119, halted Tony Delgado, 118, two.

▲**GAUDALAJARA, JALISCO**—Delfino Mendoza, 124, won by a disqualification over Manuel Castillo, 125, in eight Rosendo Ramirez, 124, whipped Romao Tapia, 125, ten.

▲**PACHUCA, HIDALGO**—Beto Perez, 125, ko'd Chuy Garcia, 124, in one.

▲**COATZACOALCOS, VERACRUS**—Justo Garcia, 125, tko'd "Costerio" Mendoza, 125, eight Victor Vega, 134, kayoed Miguel Hernandez, 134, in three.

▲**TAMPICO, TAMAULIPAS**—Juan Paredes, 124, iced Vicente "Puppy" Garcia, 125, in one. Gerardo Pena, 116, nailed Juan Villanueva, 117, in four. Rafael Pena, 116, stopped Guadalupe Sanchez, 117, eight. Javier Mendoza, 111, polished off "Duende" Lopez, 111, in three. Jose Herrera, 111, bombed Jorge Rodriguez, 111, in one.

▲**TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, CHIAPAS**—Alfonso Jimenez, 135, flattened Juan Panchi, 133, six. Ricardo Lira, 111, decisioned Pedro Perez, 112, in ten. Jorge Ballinas, 135, disposed of Enrique Martinez, 134, two.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Francisco Javier Nunez, 117, decisioned Pedro "Maravilla" Rodriguez, 117, in ten. Andres Lovera, 135, tko'd Chay Montes, 133, in two. Jorge Zarate, 117, embalmed Salomon Castillo, 117, in three. Evaristo Martinez, 124, knocked out Hilario Escalante, 124, in three. Miguel Garcia, 116, tko'd Sabino Huerta, 117, two.

▲**MEXICO CITY**—Livio Nolasco, 117, of Dominican Republic, technically kayoed Raul Decaro, 122, in eight. Manuel Luna, 110, outpointed Agustin Macias, 110, in ten. Angel "Mata" Matamoros, 122, tko'd Melesio Perez, 134, in three. Silvestre Dominguez, 125, won by a disqualification over Gil Espinosa, 126, in four.

PUERTO RICO

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

▲RIO PIEDRAS—In the first boxing program presented at this arena and before a capacity crowd, junior welter Manuel (Yuca) Jimenez scored a one-round kayo over the inept J. C. Smith of New York. J. C. kissed the canvas on three occasions, forcing the ref to call a halt to this one sided encounter.

In another ten, welter Santos Solis chased Don Johnson of New York for five rounds and after dropping him in the sixth was so anxious to finish him off that he hit him while on the canvas.

Johnson was so offended that he got up and left the ring, causing referee Falu-Quiñones to disqualify Don.

Solis could not hit his fleet-footed and elongated opponent, who seemed to have a lead in what little action the fight produced. But he should definitely be reprimanded for hitting his downed opponent, even though the blow was of no consequence.

Fine middle prospect Carlos Betancourt looked good in stopping New Yorker John Davis in the third heat.

Flyweight star Orlando Maldonado finally saw local action when he outpointed Jose M. Lattimer in four. Orlando tired in the fourth but won the first three heats easily. He needs more activity and was on the shelf for over seven months.

Ismael Santana outpointed Frankie Rodriguez in six.

Uncle Domingo Ayala showed his nephew, Alfredo Escalera, that he is got a lot of vim and vigor when he TKO'd New Yorker Juan Cantres in the fifth round of a welter contest.

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

By TED YAMACHIKA

▲Honolulu — Jose Caba, 125, Dominican Republic, knocked out Roberto Prez, 125¾, Houston, in the second of a scheduled ten-round bout.

Noel Arriesgado, 122, Philippines, chilled Jose Resendiz, 121¼, Los Angeles, in the ninth.

Dave Meadows, 157, Honolulu, finished Terry Texidior, 153¼, Honolulu, in three.

Mark Ibanez, 136½, Honolulu, beat Kid Logan, 139, Puerto Rico, four.

Sam Kahikina, 118, Honolulu, KO'ed Ignacio Moria, 119, Dominican Republic, in four.

Francisco Pico, 128¼, Los Angeles, KO'ed Conrado Martin, 129½, Honolulu, three.

▲Honolulu — Andrew Ganigan, 135, Honolulu, finally put the finisher on German Cuello, 133½, Dominican Republic, after putting him down for the sixth time. The end came in the ninth round of a scheduled twelve rounder. The North American Boxing Federation lightweight title was at stake. Ganigan won all the rounds. Cuello was willing but outclassed.

Dave Meadows, 158¼, Honolulu, beat Tony France, 156½, Denver, 6.

Malo Fale, 127¼, Honolulu, decisioned Fili Ramirez, 131, Los Angeles, 6.

Conrado Martin, 130½, Honolulu, TKO'd Francisco Grullon, 127, Los Angeles, in two.

Mark Ibanez, 136¼, Honolulu, TKO'd Clinton Campbell, 139¼, Los Angeles, in the third.

Solo Ngata, 216, Tonga, beat Sefulu Togafau, 200¼, Samoa, in 4.

AMATEUR BOXING BEAT

By JOSEPH P. LEE

Amateur boxing took another giant stride on Long Island, N.Y. with the announcement of a show planned at the plush Colonle Hill complex in Hauppauge, N.Y., with the winners to be recognized as Long Island Champions.

The competition is part of the Empire State Games, a multi-sports event which includes 21 athletic divisions. The boxing rules will prevail. The winners of the Long Island Championships will advance to the New York State finals at Syracuse University.

Among Long Island boxers competing in the competition will be Patrick Brennan (125) National PAL champion, Golden Gloves champions, Gino Gelormino (125) and Kenny Davis, (139) and Everett Conklin (165).

Jimmy Brennan and Sonny Pirino are the prime movers in this amateur extravaganza which has tickets scaled at $10.00 and $7.50 and are tax deductable since the proceeds go to the Cooley's Amnesia Foundation.

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ANDERSON STOPS BELL

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shook his opponent's knees. The next round was fought even-steven and at a furious pace — in the sixth, Anderson coasted, but Bell lacked the steam to catch up.

Home town boy Anderson then came out in the seventh and forced the conclusion with a stepped-up attack. Bell is now 27-7-2.

Both fighters were cheered as they left the ring, and the match provided a suitable ending to a fine card arranged by neophyte promoters, 32-year-old Dr. Robert Sussman and veteran local figure Vince Cala. At admission prices of $2 and $5, everyone got their money's worth; the promoters have pledged to return in September with another show based on local talent, and thereby keep boxing alive.

In preliminary bouts, Dennis McAllister, 212¾, Philadelphia, decisioned Quinnie Locklear, 190¾, Baltimore. Ira Martin, 219½, Baltimore, pot-shotted Emperior Harris, 219, Baltimore, into submission with Harris' corner throwing in the towel after two rounds. The Emperor should also hand in his license.

Dale Staley, 146, District Heights floored debuting Floyd Pittman, 144, Baltimore, three times before referee Larry Barrett halted the carnage at 1:19 of the third. Staley, touted in some quarters as a future opponent for Sugar Ray Leonard, has box office gold in his heavy fists; the twenty-year old is now 9-0, including eight straight knockouts.

In a lively light heavy bout, John Wilburn edged Louis Butler by majority decision. And in a fast-paced heavyweight match, George Chaplin, 215¼, unanimously decisioned Bobby Jordan, 201¾, Richmond.

● CENTRAL FLORIDA RING REPORT ●

By GEORGE CURCIO

ORLANDO — Big John Tate, the 228-pound fighting machine from Knoxville, Tennessee, had no trouble whatsoever in rolling in his thirteenth straight pro win, stopping Walter Santemore, 204, New Orleans, to top promoter Pete Ashlock's thirteenth show of the year at the Sports Stadium here.

Tate had met Santemore a year ealier in Memphis and was held to a six-round split decision. This time around, though, the Olympic bronze medalist showed he had made considerable progress since his forth pro fight. Tate dominated the action from the start, staying in constant pursuit of the fleet and game Santemore, the receiver of numerous lefts and rights to the body and face until being counted out from a shot to the midesection at 2:45 of the sixth round. Santemore never gave Tate a serious threat as he tried mainly to dance away from Tate, whose attack never relented. Although he scored his eleventh kayo, Tate was not totally happy with his performance.

"I just wish I could have hit him to the body the way I wanted to," said Tate, who came here fresh off a second-round TKO of Bernardo Mercardo in Madison Square Garden. "Man, I would have given a million dollars to hit him to the body the way I wanted to."

Nonetheless, Tate managed to drive home a number of hard right hand digs to the body during the course of action, and it was a body shot that finished the battered Santemore, now 9-2, both losses being versus Tate.

Junior middleweight Joey Vincent, 148, Orlando, stopped Tony Daniels, 156, Miami, at 1:51 of the third round. Vincent, probably the best one-punch fighter in the area, stopped Daniels with a single right hand that landed flush on the visitor's face. The contest was a rematch of their meeting four months earlier, when it took Vincent seven rounds to stop Daniels

Middleweight Frankie Suarez, 159, Orlando, raised his record to 8-1 by stopping Gaifesville's Earthy Ellis, 161. Ellis was sent to the canvas from a right hand to the ribs at 2:32 of the fourth round, when his corner called it quits. The onetime amateur knockout artist is now 0-3 as a pro.

Chris Rizzo, 137, Orlando, scored his second opening-round knockout in as many fights as he stopped Billy Lopez, 139, Miami in just sixty-one seconds.

▲ORLANDO—Claude Noel, the 130-pound dynamo from Trinidad and Tobago but now fighting out of Orlando, scored a second round TKO over diminuative Hilbert Stevenson, 129, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Noel raised his record to 16-2 with fourteen KOs.

Noel was several inches taller than Stevenson and used the height well to his advantage. The banger, now training under the Sports Stadium's Dominick Polo, drove home a great number of hard right hands to Stevenson's left side to do the most effective damage. Stevenson was dropped three times in the second, the final trip to the canvas coming just before the closing bell.

Milton Owens, 160, Orlando, defended his Southern Middleweight crown with a ten-round decision over Irwin Hines, 160, Winston-Salem, who was not prepared, at this stage of his career, for an opponent of Owens' class. The Orlando "Black Widow" dropped Hines twice in upping his pro slate to 22-0, with twelve KOs. Hines is now 11-2; given another year to learn, he could develop into a top battler.

Lakeland's fourty-year-old Clyde "The Cattleman" Fussell, despite giving away twenty-three pounds to Mark "Organic Man" Orman, 219, Daytona Beach, had an easy night, disposing of Orman in only two minutes and fifteen seconds. Fussell is now 4-0.

Middleweight hopeful Frankie Suarez moved his record to 9-1 with a sound six-round unanimous verdict over Daytona's Lonnie Washington, 155. Suarez is a recent addition to the Sports Stadium stable and has received good words from trainer Dom Polo thus far.

Heavyweight Dave Bowen, 212, Tampa, opened Pete Ashlock's show with a first round knockout (left to jaw) of John Montana, 225, Jacksonville.

▲ORLANDO—In a main event that could have headlined anywhere in the world, Claude Noel, 130, Orlando, scored a clean, one-punch knockout of New Orleans' Warren Matthews, 129.

A junior middleweight bout between Freddie Johnson, 151, New Orleans, and Sammy Masias, 149, Homestead, was ruled no contest at 1:12 of the fourth. That verdict came after Johnson, in control of the entire bout, dropped Masias in a corner and then landed two rights to Masias' head while he was down. Rather than disqualify Johnson, ref Ron Hill, after conferring with the judges, felt his ultimate call would be best. Johnson later apologized over the Public Address system.

Heavyweight Willie Shannon rolled to 10-0 with a surprise second-round TKO of Walter Santemore, 196, New Orleans, who was stopied in six rounds here by John Tate a month earlier. Santemore, after dropping Shannon in the first, rushed at him from the opening bell in the second and was caught by a short right to the face that all but stopped him. Shannon followed up with several more head shots to finish Santemore, who is now 10-3 with two losses coming here.

In the opener, Kid Chocolate, 126, Trinidad, stopped Bean Chavez, 124, Homestead, at 2:25 of the first. Chocolate is now 5-0-1.

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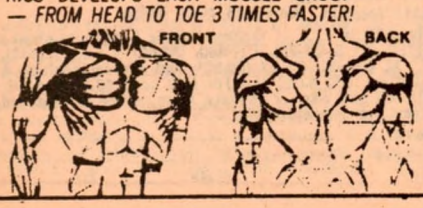

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Christner answered the ad and found himself a trainer—Herman.

Christner rolled up a string of kayos over third-rate opposition in the midwest by the end of 1928 when Knute Hansen's manager decided that the Melancholy Dane needed another knockout on his record. Accordingly, they matched their man with Meyer Christner for a bout in Cleveland on December 4, 1928. Christner scored a stunning eighth round kayo and vaulted into prominence as a contender. He was thirty-four years old.

"K.O." dropped a ten-round duke to Jack Sharkey in his next fight and was outpointed by the Basque, Paulino Uzcudun, in the bout after that. Christner rapidly became an "opponent," winning sometimes, but giving some bright scribe the idea that his nickname should be "K.O. by" instead of "K.O." Among the men who rocked him into dreamland was Max Baer, who did the trick in two rounds on August 11, 1930, in San Francisco.

Mayer's last fight was on December 18, 1933, when he was knocked out by Tiger Jack Fox in five rounds in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was the thirteenth time that Christner had been kayoed.

Christner's worst fault was being wide open for a left hook.

FRANKIE CAMPBELL

Frank Camelli was his real name. He was boxing around San Francisco around 1925, displaying style and good punching. He quit boxing after a few reverses, however, and became a professional baseball player.

In 1929, he returned to the ring wars under Tommy Maloney and ran up a string of wins over second-rate opposition.

Frankie developed a weaving style that had his manager describing him at one point as "another Dempsey." Boxing men saw only one flaw in his boxing make-up—Campbell couldn't seem to withstand the impact of a good punch.

This impression was strengthened by one of Campbell's last fights, against Tom Kirby of Boston. Kirby wasn't accounted a great hitter, but he had Frankie on the canvas several times before he was knocked out himself. And it was said that Kirby had gone into the ring that night in no condition to make a real fight against anyone.

In the second round of Frankie's tragic fight with Baer, Max was short with a right swing. He slipped and hit the canvas, just as Campbell threw a left hook to the head. Campbell, thinking he had scored a knockdown, headed for a neutral corner to await the count. Baer got up and ran after him. Frankie heard him coming and turned partly round, and Maxie tagged him with a right to the jaw. There were those who said that was the punch that really "did the trick," but Campbell didn't seem to fight any differently from that point on, until he was kayoed by Baer in the fifth. Maxie drove him to the ropes and Campbell slumped over the top strand. The referee did not halt matters and Max continued to hammer away until Campbell collapsed.

Frankie did not revive. He was taken to a hospital and died within hours of the contest.

ERNIE SCHAAF

Schaaf learned to box while serving in the Navy. He won the All-Service light heavyweight championship by knocking out three opponents in one evening in New York, December 23, 1925. Ernie, at that time, was only seventeen years old. He continued boxing in the service ranks until he won the International Tournament held in the Mechanics Building in Boston in January, 1927. Ernie was, by then, a heavyweight. He turned pro after that.

He was successful from the start. Schaaf lost but once in his first year in the pro ranks, a foul loss to Yale Okun, whom he beat just two months later. By 1930, when he first fought Baer, Schaaf was a full-fledged contender, having beaten, among others, King Solomon, Harold Mays, Big Boy Peterson, Bud Gorman, Johnny Risko, Jack Renault, K.O. Christner, and Tommy Loughran.

Two months before the Baer fight, Schaaf's manager, Phil Schlosberg, sold his contract to Johnny Buckley, manager of Jack Sharkey. Sharkey and Schaaf, former sailors and shipmates, were extremely friendly. When Schaaf and Baer fought in Madison Square Garden, on December 19, 1930, Jack was one of Ernie's seconds.

Ernie used his left hand to advantage in this fight, and won by a unanimous decision in a grueling contest i n which neither gave an inch. Schaaf peaked over the next year, losing only one fight (to Loughran, whom he had defeated twice before) while beating Jimmy Braddock, Dick Daniels, Jim Maloney, Larry Gagnon, Vittorio Campolo, Roberti Roberti, and Tuffy Griffiths, Salvatore Ruggirello, Young Stribling, Unknown Winston, and young Tony Galento.

On August 31, 1932, Schaaf climbed into a Chicago ring for a return bout with Max Baer. Just before the bell rang for the end of the last round, Baer landed a right to the jaw and knocked Schaaf senseless. Schaaf lost the decision and only the bell saved him from a knockout.

That right hand finished Ernie Schaaf. He lost to Edward (Unknown) Winston in his next fight, but rallied to kayo Winston and Stanley Poreda, who had beaten Ernie in a ten-round bout on June 24, 1932. Then he was matched with Primo Carnera, who knocked him out in the thirteenth round of their fight on February 10, 1933. Schaaf died a few days later.

KING LEVINSKY

Levinsky was born Harry Krakow, in the Bronx, September 10, 1910. His parents moved to Chicago when he was fourteen, and that's where he grew up. After a poor amateur career, he started fighting as a pro and ran up a long string of knockouts. In 1930, King stopped clever Leo Lomski in five rounds and vaulted into national attention.

The King's first manager was Eddie Miller, who sold his contract to Ray Alvis. Levinsky's sister, "Leapin' Lena," did not like the way that Alvis handled the money matters for the King's March, 1931 fight with Tuffy Griffiths, however, and she took the managerial reigns herself.

King Levinsky was known chiefly for the way in which he "moidered" the English language, but he had a powerful right hand which he had been taught to land over an opponent's left lead. He beat notables Jack Sharkey, Paulino Uzcudun, Jimmy Slattery, Tuffy Griffiths, and Tommy Loughran, to name just a few. The King went twenty rounds with Max Baer for promoter Jack Dempsey in Reno, Nevada on July 4, 1932.

Regrettably, the King's most famous fight was one he lost. Joe Louis knocked him out in the first round in Chicago's Comiskey Park on August 7, 1935. Levinsky later was a familiar figure at Miami Beach sporting events. ("Buy a tie from The King?")

WALTER COBB

He was born Walker Rich, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Fighting out of Kansas City, Cobb was a hard hitter with both hands, knocking out George La Rocco, Jimmy Darcy, Al Walker, Herman Heller, Ted Sandwina, and Gene Stanton. He fought a devastating ten-round draw with Hans Birkie at the St. Nicholas Arena in 1933. Cobb's title aspirations, though, had ended when Italy's Salvatore Ruggirello knocked him out in the first round in January, 1932.

Cobb was a "giant" in an era of small heavyweights; he weighed 220 pounds. Max Baer stopped him in the fourth in Oakland, April 11, 1932.

PAUL SWIDERSKI

He was one of Harry Lenny's fighters. In 1930, Swiderski beat the highly touted Georgie Ward in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Arthur Frye, a Chicago insurance agent who was at the ringside, offered Lenny ten thousand dollars for Swiderski's contract. That was a lot of money in 1930, but Harry wouldn't take it.

Swiderski administered a terrific beating to Babe Hunt at Braves Field in Boston. In 1931, he scored impressive TKO victories over Chuck Burns and Pietro Corri. Swiderski, who weighed about 187, was knocked out by Baer in the seventh round on April 26, 1932.

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BILL MILLER: PROMOTER AND MESSIAH

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the top middleweights, you would expect Bill to protect his investment by matching him with the checkout clerk from the A&P, a professor of pedagogy, or gangleader of the gay-libbers. Not so. Instead, he imported Sugar Ray Robinson. "That was the closest I ever came to being knocked out," Fred admitted years later. Otherwise an astute matchmaker, his strength was also his weakness as he tried to make the toughest match possible with no concern for the goose with the golden egg, and none whatsoever for the undefeated record of the fighter. He wanted to see a good fight.

Despite these liabilities, Bill promoted in Vegas for eighteen years, had a weekly card for thirteen in Vegas and bi-monthly cards in Reno and Tahoe. Among his awesome performers were Ali, Ray Robinson, Sonny Liston, Bob Foster, Denny Moyer, Leotis Martin, Jerry Quarry, Mike Quarry, Ron Lyle, Ray Lampkin, Indian Lopez, Oscar Bonavena, Fred Hernandez, Alafit Telebi, and Earnie Shavers, to name just a few. One is reminded of Joe McCarthy and Walter Alston. Marse Joe was an unspectacular player in the minors and never played once in the majors; Alston batted but once in the majors and struck out. Neither one should have made it according to the experts, but someone forgot to tell them. The experts in aerodynamics forgot to tell the bumble bee that he never would be able to fly: its husky body in relation to its total wingspan indicates that it can never get off the ground. Bill's promotional ventures also should never have gotten off the ground. He must have had something going for him. What was it?

For one thing, he had his own team. With the help of a dentist (Dr. Sterling Bowen), Bill operated the east side gym, later moved to First Street, and used to arrange bouts for his boxers in Hollywood and Los Angeles. Three years later, in '59, with eight boxers under contract he was having trouble keeping them busy, so made his first venture as a promoter at convention center, Eddie Andrews against Neil Rivers. He then moved to La Vista Supper Club.

It was at La Vista that he displayed another plus, ingenuity. There was no place for a ring, so he improvised one over the swimming pool, even though it meant hooking it up in his bathing suit, even though it meant holding up the ropes in the later rounds with the help of fans at ringside. Since the highway between Vegas and Reno and Vegas and Tahoe was hot, arid, and lengthy, Bill quit using it. He bought a plane. Should a boxer cancel out the day of the fight, okay, he would fly down to Mexico or up to northern California and ferry in a substitute or two or three or four. As the fights became more popular, he moved to the Castaway Hotel and local boxers began getting more action. From there the show moved to the Hacienda and finalls to the Silver Slipper, where he enjoyed the advantage of a slight subsidy.

Homer once said that nothing in the world could compare with the situation where one man lives with one woman in one home when they are of one mind. Bill and Cheryl were of one mind at home, in their office, in their bar, and in their plane—Cheryl even learned to fly, just to be with Bill and to help. She made the contracts, paid the fighters, ran the errands, but above all—she was there. Modest and self-effacing, she continually deprecates her role as "the obedient gopher," but without her, Bill could never have done it.

Now other promoters have had a private plane, a beautiful wife, and a stable of boxers and have failed to cross the line from mediocrity to excellence. There must have been something else about Bill.

There was, and it is difficult to encapsulate it.

It wasn't just that he gave the aspiring athlete a chance to polish his skills and follow a dream. Maybe the kid was a nobody down at the feedstore or a dropout from a reform school, but Bill gave that kid a chance to brush shoulders with greatness and hopefully to attain it, as he crawled through the ropes to the roar of the crowd. But Bill wanted more for his fighters than a dream, for he knew the life of the boxer at the end of a dream: the dressing room with the single bulb and no shower; the cheap hotel with the dripping spigot; the cracked mirror that revealed scar tissue and fresh stitching; the bar next door (in the dimly lit street) where he could forget about the impaired vision and broken nose which he could never afford to repair. Bill cared for his fighters. In fact, he could not not care. And this solicitude prompted him to set up insurance AT ONLY ONE PERCENT OF HIS PURSE that would see him through any ring-incurred injury. When Fred Hernandez suffered a detached retina, Bill sent him to a specialist on the coast who had just repaired the vision of the Prince of Wales, even though it cost $8,000.00. "If he was good enough for the Prince of Wales, we'll take a chance." It paid off. From the time back in '56 when he used to ferry his fighters to Los Angeles up till the many occasions when he would pilot them in his plane, Bill never took a dime. If attendance dropped to 140 fans (and it did), he didn't care. It could have dropped to minus 140, just so they had had a good fight.

But that still was not the complete explanation, and it eluded this researcher for some time.

Then last week I chanced to run into Jack Sharkey, my boyhood idol of boxing. And though Bill's name did not even surface during our conversation, somehow, while chatting with that wonderful human being from the golden age of boxing, the secret revealed itself.

Time was when the fight game was concerned with fighting and the media was there to serve the event, but then the media became the message. It was Bill who brought back the fun of the game, the fun of a good fight, the excitement that had thrilled fans in the days of John L., in the days of the gladiators, in the days of the caveman. Boxing is the one sport that puts a smile on the face of the caveman lurking within each of us, and Bill Miller had it laughing aloud.

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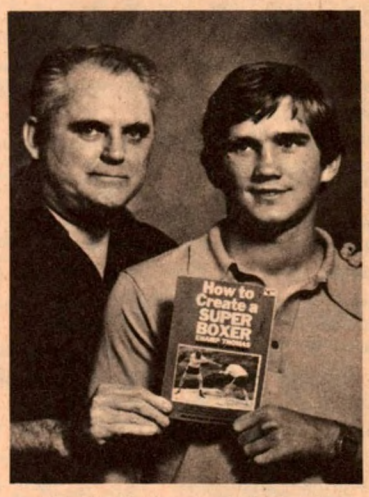

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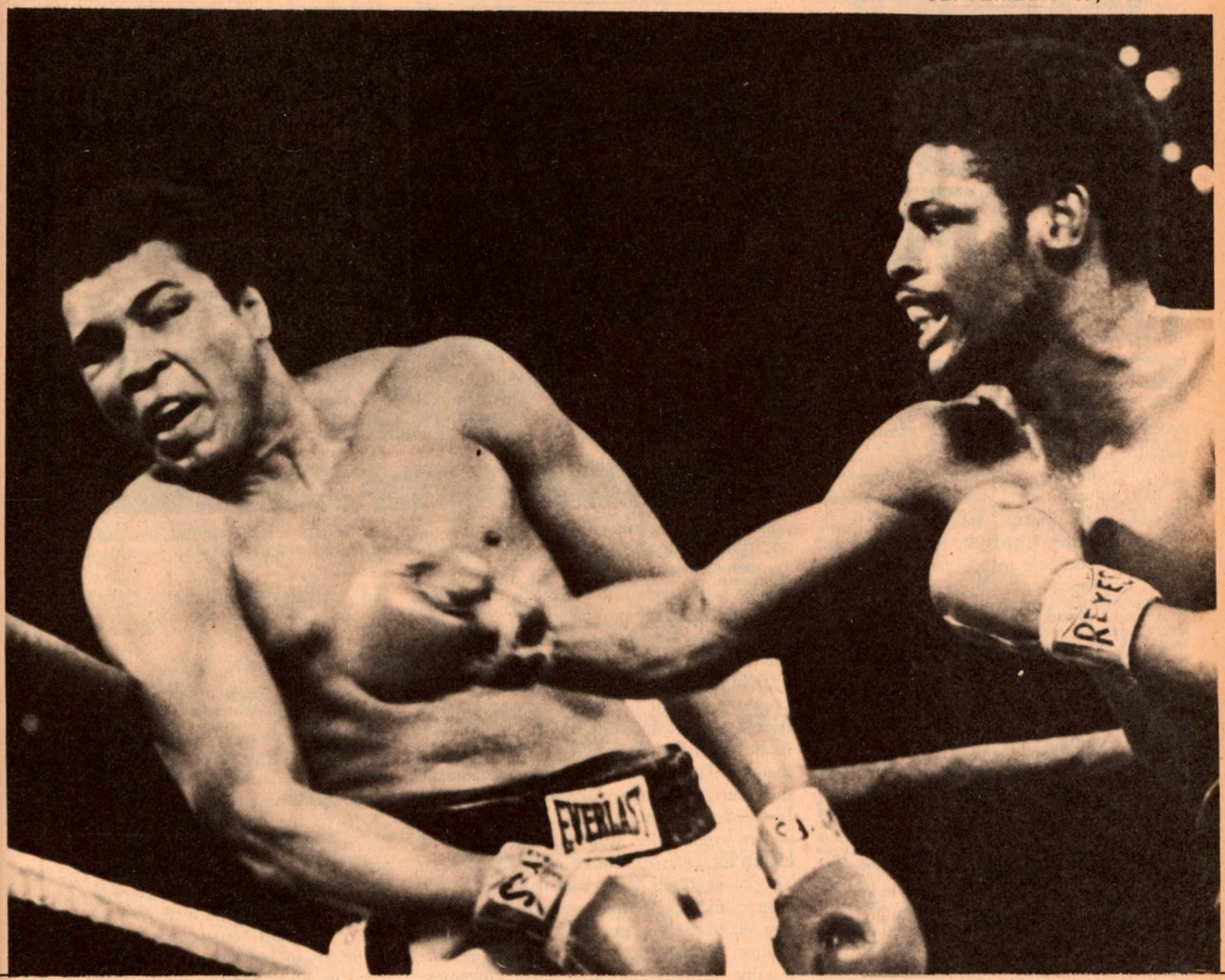

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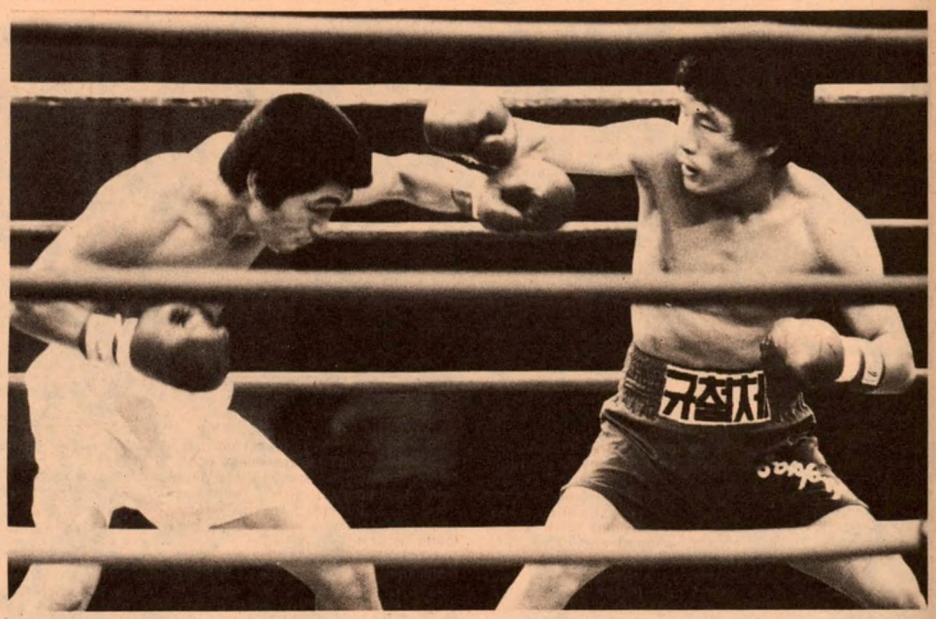

Chikara Igarashi puts his left under the right of the defending Oriental flyweight champion, Yang Hong-Soo, in their twelve-round bout in Tokyo. Igarashi won the title by majority decision.

TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Japanese speedster Chikara Igarashi won the OPBF (Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation) flyweight title by winning a majority decision over Korean defending champ Yang Hong-Soo in twelve hot rounds.

It was a total war, with each displaying all he had, though there were no knockdowns. Referee Ken Morita and judge Shoichi Uchida saw the speedy contest 57-55 and 58-56, respectively, in Igarashi's favor, while the other judge, Chung Sae-Un, had it a draw, 58-58, on the five-point must system.

Shorter lefty Yang entered the ring at the 112-pound flyweight limit, same as for the challenger. It was Yang's first title defense since the tricky Korean had dethroned Japan's hard-hitting Jiro Takada via an upset decision in Osaka last December. Yang was a slight favorite, as he had been awarded a technical kayo over Igarashi due to the latter's bad gash in the eighth session of their non-title game in Korea on March 19 this year.

Igarashi, ex-national flyweight boss at twenty-seven, came forward from the second round on, aiming at Yang's breadbasket exclusively to stop the champ's vaunted busy mobility. Igarashi dominated the second and third rounds, disturbing Yang's pace with his unexpected aggressiveness. The fourth, fifth, and sixth sessions were fought on almost even terms. They became cautious enough to cover themselves up with tight guards and the third man ordered them to exchange more blows. The seventh canto was taken by Yang, who tossed some rough shorts at Igarashi's face. Igarashi is known as a "bleeder," but it was Hong-Soo who began to bleed from the cuts over the right eyebrow and at the cheek in round eight, which neither won. Yang, with a record of 20-3-2 with five kayos, must have been annoyed by Igarashi's hit-and-run tactics, as he showed little initiative throughout the contest.

In spite of Igarashi's many misses, in rounds ten and eleven, he threw three times as many punches as Yang tried to counterpunch the Japanese footworker. Yang's roundhouse swings were occasionally averted by Igarashi's swift feet. The champion, who ceased his usual bobbing and weaving, appeared to be a bit sluggish in the last three rounds, while Igarashi's nimble feet remained. The new titlist Igarashi became the third current Japanese OPBF champion, with featherweight boss Royal Kobayashi and welterweight ruler Ryu Sorimachi, out of eleven total classes. Korea still dominates six divisions and the Philippines two.

Igarashi, Yang's three years senior, upped his record to sixteen wins (four by kayo) against fourteen defeats, which seems very inferior to those of any other champion. Igarashi had been a typical powder-puff puncher especially while he was fighting in no less than eighteen four-round bouts, losing eight and being drawn four times—yes, winning only six contests in three years since he commenced his career at the age of nineteen in 1971. He began to overcome his lack in power with fast hands and feet, earning the national flyweight title from strong left-hooker Kenji Kato in July, 1976, despite being dethroned by Kato sixteen months later after Igarashi defended the crown twice, against Beaver Kajimoto and Koichi Maki.

There are formidable national champs in the other OPBF countries: Thai Dan Pisalchai, Korean Kim Yung-Hwan and Filipine Bernabe Villacampo.

In order to keep the honorable OPBF crown, Igarashi will have to utilize the art of the Sweet Science and outspeed those hard-hitters all out.

In a supporting ten, top Japan Boxing Commission featherweight contender Shuzo Yoshida, Yokohama, survived a first-round knockdown due to the long right of elengated Hikaru Temonari, and registered a very impressive knockout in 2:25 of the third round. Yoshida, new with a record of 26-10-1 (fifteen within the distance), showed his superiority in power, flattening his aggressive opponent with a solid one-two shot. He was fully praised by the crowd.

Japan's best Shinjin-o (Novise kind) of the year, Yoshinori Natsuyama, was stopped at the hands of scrappy and sharp Lee Chong-Ryun in only sixty-five seconds of the opening session. Natsuyama received a wicked left hook as soon as the contest commenced, to go down for the mandatory eight count. Lee bored in again to score with another vicious right at his Japanese rival's chin. The loser went to dreamland so that he had to be carried out of the squared circle with a stretcher. This Chong-Ryung seems very promising.

In a bantam six, Hitoshi Ohashi, 119¾, lost a unanimous decision to Lee Sang-Bong, 118¾ and of Korea.

In a junior lightweight six, Korean Chun Myung-Il, 129 pounds, eked out a majority decision over Keizo Kurebayashi, 129¾, in a hard-fought bout. The only Japanese Shinjin-o that won was Satoru Hirata, who moved in and out vigorously to outmanuever

Kim Chong-Yung in a junior feather sixer. He won by unanimous decision. Hirata scaled in one pound heavier than Kim's 121.

There were 1,300 spectators.

JAPAN

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Defending champ Masahiro Yokai, 135 pounds, had a very tough time battering durable rival Mitsuhiro Nakane, also at the limit, to retain his JBC title for the third time via a majority decision after a narrow escape in round six.

Despite Yokai's failure to tab his hitherto kayo streak to nine, he upped his pro record to fourteen wins (ten by KO) against three since he became All Japan Hight School champ and turned professional three years and a half ago. Nakane's recordcdropped to 20-10-2 with six kayos.

JBC referee Yoshida and judge Tezaki gave their ballots, 49-47 and 48-47, to the defending champ, while the other judge, Kanaya viewed it a draw, 47-47.

In a semi-windup, very promising ex-amateur champ Katsuhiro Okubo, 139¾, easily finished Fumio Ota, 140½, with a single combination with one second left in opening session of his second pro bout.

Ota, Shinjin-o winner of this year in the junior welterweight class, proved no match for the expereinced ex-amateur who had fought more than one hundred contests. Rolling over the canvas, Ota could not beat the court.

Another bright prospect, Tadashi Tomori, 107½, also had shork work in disposing of Koichi Togashi, 108 pounds, with three successive knockdowns in only fifty-eight seconds. Tetsuro Kanzato's pro debut resulted in an unlucky TKO loss to Minoru Nanjo, a quarter pound heavier at 121¾, midway in the fourth round. Having Nanjo at the ropes for the compulsory eight count in the first round and had him at bay repeatedly, Kanzato was then retired by the ref due to the JBC physician's advice.

The crowd must have been pleased with the hot contests.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Having been stopped by Masahiro Yokai in two quick rounds for the Japan's national title two months ago, Lanky puncher Hitoshi Takahashi returned to ring warfare to demolish Big Yamaryu, 137 pounds, in 1:23 of the fourth round of their scheduled tenner. Some 1,200 fans were in attendance. Yamaryu, former national champ who had relinquished the crown due to the temporary ailment and came back recently, moved up to the welterweight class for the time being. Stylish straight puncher Takahashi, 136¼, was caught by Yamaryu's overhand right in the first session. But the Pupil of Fighting Harada regained his proper pace and distance from the second round on, battering the stocky opponent effectively with one-two-three combos. Yamaryu whose one point was deducted due to his heading in the third session had up cover up his face with peekaboo defense. A beautiful counterpunch of Takahashi, in round four, exploded at Yamaryu's chin to have the latter on the deck. For all beating the count once, Yamaryu became a flattened pancake because of Takahashi's wicked shot to the liver.

Takashashi tabbed his twenty-first triumph with his fourteenth kayo against 7 defeats and one draw. Yamaryu, tow years his senior at twenty-six, suffered his seventh setback against thirteen wins.

Rising bantie Katsuji Sano, nineteenfyear old and 9-2-4 with three kayos, met a JBC ranker for the first time, but lost a close but unanimous verdict to veteran Shigeru Sasaki, 119¼, in eight sharp rounds. Sasaki, twenty-six, cleverly averted Sano's leading lefts with parrying and head slipping to counterpunch the rookie as often as possible. Sano, weighing at 119¾, must master more flexible mobility and feinting tactics.

In another supporting eighter, Kenichi Ito, 122, scored well with a solid right leather to polish off Katsuji Tomori, 121, in the second round. In a preliminary sixer, hard-hitting East-Japan Shinjin-o winner Katsumi Sekiyama, 111 pounds, caught a dodging target named Chikara Yamazaki, 112, finishing him in the third session. Sekiyama's vicious left hook following a combo at the face had Yamazaki down face to the canvas. Yamazaki managed to stand up at the ten, being declared a kayo loser.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Prohibitive favorite Toshiaki Suzuki, Japan's top middleweight contender and a six footer with five kayos in as many wins against only one points loss (to Orient champ Yuh Jae-Do), lost an upset unanimous decision to Korean newcomer Kim Chong-Khik, 162 ¾, in ten slow, sluggish rounds.

Suzuki seemed to lack his usual zip, though he took the leadoff against the cautious Korean in the first round. Despite the ref declaring a slipdown, Kim's wild right effectively dropped Suzuki in round two so that the taller Japanese began to avoid any mix-up since thereafter.

Kim, former middleweight boss, appeared to be a sturdy welterweight, short in height and reach, however, who bore in gamely to score with short rights with fine precision, taking the third round. Since the fourth session, the contest proceeded in the same pattern; Suzuki came forward with long slow blows, while Kim incessantly ducked and bobbed to avert them, punching him back with sudden rights at the face. By a clear-cut margin, Kim was in command by tossing good blows at the close range in round eight.

The loser Suzuki, weighing in at 164½, must be a pitiful case, because he is too tall and heavy the middleweight division and there are no suitable opponents of the 175-pound class in the Orient.

If Suzuki has to endure such severe reduction of weight from this bout on, his talented power with which he had acquired plenty of amateur titles will not be seen any longer.

In a semi-windup eight, JBC No. 6 feather hope Keno Kashi, at 128 pounds and having compiled a 9-1-2 record including seven knockouts, was unable to catch an elusive ex-local Shinjin-o winner Kojiro Sasaki, 127, only scoring a close but unanimous decision. Kashi's right leads from his southpaw style was not enough to set up the tight guarded opponent who aimed to hit his powerless rights at Kashi's chin exclusively. The official score was dual 39-36 and 40-37.

In a supporting sixer, Tsugumasa Toma, 107½, was awarded a techical kayo over Nobuyoshi Ohashi, Half a pound lighter, owing to the latter's bleeding at the end of the fourth session.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Sensational newcomer from the U.S., Abdul Bey, 127¼ pounds and a former winner of Amateur Golden Glove Tournament, registered the second kayo in his second appearance at the Hall, as he brutally displayed his power punching in demolishing Susumu Okabe, ex-national boss at 128, midway in the fourth round. The 1,400 fans watched the reported declining power as well as the glass jaw of Okabe, who had once recklessly challenged WBC champ Ricardo Arredondo to sink within the distance years ago, rather than Bey's rising power. Out of fifteen previous defeats against thirty wins (fifteen by kayo) and one draw, Okabe's weakness at the jaw caused him to go to dreamland so often that some experts advised him to hang up gloves. In round four, Bey stopped toying with the shorter Japanese in the Ali-like manner and swarmed over him with powerful combos. Okabe downed in his own corner. Though he beat the count, Okabe could not go on and ref Yoshida declared a stoppage.

In a semi-final eight, taller Namio Akamine, 127 pounds, made good use of his longer reach, dropping veteran Norikazu Atomura, 128, with a sickle right uppercut in the third round to win a unanimous decision.

A preliminary six was interesting. Muscular armed Nasami Sekiyama got off the canvas from a bad knockdown to come back all out with solid combos, finishing Kubomura Tomihisa in the third round. Each scaled in at 112 pounds.

▲TOKYO, KORAKUEN HALL—Before an estimated 1,400 fans, Nippon's top junior featherweight contender, Eijiro Murata, 121¾, was held to a tough majority draw by Park In-Kyu, Korean bantam champ at 122, in ten very hard-fought rounds.

It was a grudge battle, for both were former excellent amateurs so that Murata had compiled a record of 78-10 to Park's 114-4, and though they did not exchange gloves then, Park won the silver medal to Murata's bronze one in the bantam division of Thailand's Kings Cup Amateur Tournament in February, 1975. Each boasted of the unblemished ten pro wins, out of which Murata tabbed seven knockouts to Park's two within the distance.

Just before the end of the opening session, Murata's long right caught Park's chin to have him down on knees to make sure it might be Murata's another easy game. However, Park, jabbing and dancing like Auhammad Ali, began to utilize his physical advantage of height and reach by two inches each, regaining his pace in round two. What amazed the crowd was Park's speedful one-two, in the third round, which dropped Murata on the seat of his pants for the mandatory eight count. Since thereafter the Japanese continued bleeding from the nose. Each is twenty-one years of age. The youngsters revealed their fighting spirits and they traded solid blows from all angles.

Although Park had a slight edge on points at the end, JBC officials, ref Shimakawa and judge Kanaya both tabbed 47-47, while only judge Ugo had it 47-46 for the Korean speedster. It was quite a crowd-pleaser.

In a semi eight, East-Japan Shinjin-o winner Hidekichi Horinaga, 130, sent two dozens of punches in succession to the face of Yoshitaka Ikehara, a lanky left at 129¼, disposing of him middway in the third round. Despite the final-round knockdown of Kazuaki Hamada, 131, he had piled up enough points to unanimously outscore Ken Togawa, at the same weight, in six. The card was presented by Kaneko and Kawakami Clubs.

▲CHIBA CITY—Having suffered an upset disputed stoppage by Shinichi Aoki in Osaka two months ago, free-swinging lefty Shigeyoshi Adachi, 126, was awarded a technical kayo from Aoki in their mutually gory rematch. Time was 2.16 of the sixth session.

From the start, they repeated head corrisions to have the blood streaming over their faces. Shinjin-o winner of the previous year, Aoki attempted to keep the distance from the coming-forward southpaw only mix it up badly. Adachi's revenge was done only because Aoki bled more profusely enough to have the ref declare a halt.

In the preliminary sixer, Masao Sugawara outpointed Masao Naruse in the junior flyweight game. Nobuo Horigome Decisioned Sadao Kanno in another flyweight six.

KOREA

▲PUSAN—Japan's national champ Yu (Masaru) Kasahara went abroad to Korea for a shot at Chung Soon-Hyun's OPBF junior featherweight throne, but the hitherto unbeaten titlist pproved too strong for the glass-jawed Japanese, stopping him at 2.53 of the fifth session of their scheduled twelve-rounder. Chung, WBC's top contender in the 122-pound division, brillantly made the first defense, since he acquired the crown by a twelve-round decision from Filipino Ric Qujano on April 2.

Kasahara was the speedster, whose unbeaten streak was ruthlessly stopped, with no less than five knockdowns, by Korea's than WBA champion Hong Soo-Hwan in fifteen unanimous rounds on February 1.

That night Kashara hit the canvas on three occasions to be ordered by KBC (Korea Boxing Commision) referee not to go in the fatal round. Chung Soon-Hyun, not tall but sturdy, is such an agressvie fighter as to lopsidedly defeat then OPBF feather boss Hwang Bok-Soo with a bad knockdown in ten nontitle rounds last January. Chung is reported to be only twenty-one years old and aiming at Venezuelan Ricardo Cardon's WBA crown, which was won from fellow countryman Hong Soo-Hwan in Korea.

▲SEOUL—In only his second pro bout, Kim Joo-Sok gained the national welterweight title by a onesided verdict ever Baek Nam-In in ten heats at Cultural Gymnasium. It was a record-breaking achievement that the former amateur ringster became the Korean champ just after his pro debut of decisioning Japanese lefthander Michihiro Horihara last March.

He may be a formidable question against Orient welter ruler Ryu Sorimachi, for Kim is still twenty-four years of age, six years younger than the Japanese Champ.

▲SEOUL—Two days later at the same Gymnasium, OPBF bantam leader Kim Yung-Khik engaged in a nontitle tenner, outscoring Hiroyuki Iwamoto, Tokyo, by a unanimous decision. The contest itself was rather dull, as each lacked convincing power to hurt the other, moreover lacked any hot firework.

▲SEOUL—Philippines' OPBF junior lightweight champ Rey Tam appeared for the first time since his failure to take the world crown by Nicaraguan Alexis Arguello's fifth-round stoppage in Los Angels in May, but was decisioned by local favorite Kim Kwang-Min, Korean lightweight boss, in ten heats. The title of Tam, who entered the ring at 135½ pounds, was not at stake. Kim often nailed the Filipino southpaw against the ropes with a barrage of punches at the face, winning the fourth, fifth and ninth rounds clearly.

In a semi-final ten, Kim Kwang-Soo, Kwang-Min's brother, impressively won an upset duke from Thai Thanomchit Sukotai, WBA's No. 10 contender in the 122-pound class, to amaze the crowd greatly.

▲SEOUL—Former WBC super bantam champ Yum Dong-Kyun decisioned ex-world ranker Fernando Cabanela, Philippines. Yum's determined attack in the last three rounds carried him to an important triumph. In a companion ten,

ORIENTAL & PACIFIC RATINGS

(AS OF AUGUST 27, 1978)

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Jao Do Yuh (K)
1. Rudy Siregai (I)
2. Heun Won Kang (K)
3. Al Korevov (A)
4. Namyong Park (K)
5. Toshiaki Suzuki (J)
6. Chul Kwon Suh (K)
7. Albert Cruz (P)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. Changbaek Choi (K)
10. Katsuo Ezashi (J)

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Champion
Ho Joo (K)
1. Kenji Shibata (J)
2. Tsutomu Hagusa (J)
3. Man Dok Lee (K)
4. Jun Shik Kim (K)
5. Yong Taek Kim (K)
6. Armando Boniquito (P)
7. Aquilino Nicolas (P)
8. Jae Kun Lim (K)
9. Mitsuo Kushikino (J)
10. Tamin Thong Singsamang (T)

WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Ryu Sorimachi (J)
1. Akijo Kameda (J)
2. Gideon Toyogon (P)
3. Joo Sok Kim (K)
4. Kumphol Sakornphitak (T)
5. Tito Gonzaga (P)
6. Neil Pattel (A)
7. Chu Hi Park (K)
8. Yohi Arai (J)
9. Satan S. Pratep (T)
10. Rey Bustillos (P)

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS
Champion
Moises Cantoja (P)
1. Dan de Guzman (P)
2. Noboru Hatakeyama (J)
3. Chong Ho Kim (K)
4. Hector Thompson (A)
5. Jong Sathiragym (T)
6. Minoru Suguya (J)
7. Ruben Rabago (P)
8. Wongso Suseno (I)
9. Baby Cassius Austin (A)
10. Sang Hyun Kim (K)

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Yong Ho Oh (K)
1. Masahiro Yokai (J)
2. Changton Singthenongsadi (T)
3. Many Israel (P)
4. Kiyoshi Kazama (J)
5. Lee Idano (K)
6. Billy Mulholland (A)
7. Jonrub Muangsurin (T)
8. Joe Lim (P)
9. Hitoshi Takahashi (J)
10. Kwang Sun Kim (K)

JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Champion
Rey Tam (P)
1. Tae Jin Mun (K)
2. Bomber Uchida (J)
3. Fred "Bruce Lee" Besa (P)
4. Hyung Il Park (K)
5. Apollo Yoshio (J)
6. Arman Bangoyan (P)
7. Ryu Sukida (J)
8. Romeo Olivetti (P)
9. Billy Moeller (A)
10. Choon Ha Park (K)

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Royal Kobayashi (J)
1. Spider Nemoto (J)
2. Jin Kyun Kim (K)
3. Shuzo Yoshida (J)
4. Rolando Navrette (P)
5. Nunthabureng Leadbankee (T)
6. Nene June (P)
7. Kwang Soo Kim (K)
8. Chong Man Yuh (K)
9. Boy Reys (P)
10. Shigeyoshi Abachi (J)

JR. FEATHERWEIGHTS
Champion
Soo Hyun Chung (K)
1. Eijiro Murata (J)
2. Kumpholek Sakornphitak (T)
3. Ric Quijano (P)
4. Ric Diamle (P)
5. Chong Wo Baek (K)
6. Yu Kasahara (J)
7. Dok Hyun Koh (K)
8. Sakad Porntavee (T)
9. Neptah Alamag (P)
10. Robert Brian (A)

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Champion
Yung Shik Kim (K)
1. Shuichi Isogami (J)
2. Somkiat Sukothai (T)
3. Fernando Cabanera (P)
4. In Kyo Park (K)
5. Billy Abato (P)
6. Jaime Enriquez (P)
7. Go Numata (J)
8. Venice Berkersor (T)
9. Sutan Rambing (I)
10. Chong Chan Lee (K)

FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Tsutomu Igarashi (J)
1. Jipo Takada (J)
2. Koichi Maki (J)
3. Dan Pisalchai (T)
4. Yung Hwan Kim (K)
5. Hong Soo Yang (K)
6. Monsayam Nahachai (T)
7. Julius Gonzaga (P)
8. Hak Yung Kim (K)
9. Nebuyuki Watanabe (J)
10. Arnel Arrozai (P)

JR. FLYWEIGHTS
Champion
Sang Il Chung (K)
1. Siony Carpo (P)
2. Kazuneri Tenryu (J)
3. Makdong Kim (K)
4. Sangthong Siththumrong (T)
5. Ric Barimbad (P)
6. Younghyun Kim (K)
7. Steve Bell (A)
8. Hwan Jin Kim (K)
9. Chungcherng Borkorsor (T)
10. Asamuyoshi Yama (J)

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OPBF junior flyweight titlist Sang I1 Chung halted Flilipino Eddie Carreal in fifty-one seconds of the final session. After two knockdowns, Eddie suddenly surrendered, showing a No-More pose.

PHILIPPINES

▲**PAMPANGA**—For the junior middleweight crown of the country, Armando Boniquit, 152, earned a split decision from defending champ Alberto Cruz, half a pound heavier, in ten heats. The very veteran but new champion was named 'Boxer of the Month, by GAB (Games and Amusements Board), the Commission of the Philippines. In a supporting ten, national junior lightweight boss, Fred 'Bruce Lee' Basa, 133, proved too much for Dan Lawyer, at the same weight, whom the former technically kayoed in the eighth round of the nontitle contest. The card was promoted by Antonio Esguerra.

▲**RMC, MANILA**—A card of five tenners, promoted by Felixberto Jardinel, drew plenty of fight fans here.

The headliner of the Month must be top junior feather contender Neptali Alamag, 121¾, who impressively registered an upset majority decision from Australia bantam-and featherweight champ Paul Ferreri, 122½, in 10 surprising rounds.

GAB flyweight contender Arnel Arrozal and Franco Torragoza to a technical draw in ten rounds. Each tipped the beam at the 112-pound limit.

Johnny Sato, 131, unanimously defeated former national champ Leo Viajedor, a half pound heavier, in ten frames.

Lightweight contenders Rudy Solis and Mar Alverio faced each other ten hot heats, the former winning a unanimous decision. Solis weighed in at two pounds lighter than the loser's 135. Higher feather ranker Willie Espinosa, 125, proved his power by an unanimous decision over Eddie Camero, 124½, in ten.

▲DAVAO CITY—After a brief interval from the previous easy victory, national junior light boss Fred 'Bruce Lee' Basa, 131, engaged in a sensational fight, but lost a unanimous decision to Nene June, feather leader at 129, in twelve rounds. Promoter Agustin Garcia wisely had their titles safe according to any result by making it an over weight go for both champs.

AROUND THE CLUBS

By STEVEN C. LOSCH

BAYONNE, N.J.—Don King, acting in his new roll as co-promoter with Madison Square Garden, turned up at Veterans Memorial Stadium to scout immensely popular light heavyweight Kevin Smith. The outcome of the ten-round main event was a sure thing-Smith would be the winner. No, the fight wasn't fixed. Kevin's opponent was southpaw Lightnin' Bob Smith, a clever boxer, who is best known for his televised loss to Leon Spinks, in the heavyweight champion's first professional outing.

Kevin Smith's manager, John Magner, predicted a third-round knockout for his fighter. Lightin' Bob Smith is a hot and cold performer. Mario Rosa and Leo Rogers stopped him easily, but he holds a win over Rochelle Norris and fought draws with Guy Casale and Greg Sorrentino. Kevin Smith was coming off of an impressive draw with Mike Quarry. Smith vs Smith turned out to be a closer fight then many people expected.

The first and second rounds were Lightnin' Bob's best of the fight, as he used his full bag of clever tricks to great advantage. His right jabs and left uppercuts landed frequently, but they seemed to confuse Kevin more then they hurt him.

Kevin Smith took control of the fight in the third heat and never relinquished it. He scored often with uppercuts on the inside. When Bob retreated, Kevin caught him with strong rights to the head. Lightnin' Bob's jab and Kevin's lack of head movement made some of the rounds close, but late in round seven a Kevin Smith right dropped Bob for a short count. Lightnin' Bob lasted until the ninth frame, when another right put him down for the full ten count.

NEWARK N.J.—Promoter Barry Kronman of Rising Star Enterprises made his debut at a site that was unique in two ways. The show was staged in schools stadium an outdoor arena, (a rarity on the club level in this area), located in an "inner city" neighborhood, where so much of today's boxing talent originates. The evening was marred by several last minute pull-outs, and by a tiny ring with defective ropes. Faced with the possibility of having the entire event cancelled, the commission waived their rule on ring size. Two new Jersey state champions appeared in non-title bouts.

In the main event N.J. middleweight king Reggie Jones, 158¼, displayed a formidable left hook against outgunned Roland Cousins, 155¾, N.Y.C. Jones put Cousins on the canvass in round two with a left hook. He did it again in the third heat, and this time Cousins wisely stayed down. It was their second meeting and the second time that Reggie has scored a third round knockout over Cousins. Jones is as ready as he will ever be for a fight with a major contender.

▲TOTTOWA, N.J. — Promoter Lou Duva served up another portion of club boxing at its very best for the fans at Ice World in Tottowa N.J. The "secret" ingredient that makes the Duva recipe work is a competitive main event. This time, the sizzling eight-round feature was an awesome, brutal struggle between two fine, young heavyweights; Guy "the Rock" Casale, 204½, and Mike "the Mad Russian" Tarasewich, 187. The winner was promised a September match with Ali sparring partner Richard Roy. Casale and Roy have split their two bout series. Tarasewich upset Richard, decisioning him in his pro debut. The Casale-Tarasewich bout was a rematch of an amateur contest won by "the Rock". Casale, the more experienced of the two at 10-1-2, was favored over Mike, who has won all four of his pro bouts.

As luck would have it, three neutral, out-of-state officials were called upon to render the difficult verdict. Referee Tony Perez and judges Lew Eskin and Eva Shain have all officiated at world title contests. Judge Eskin scored the fight six rounds to two, in favor of Guy Casale. Referee Perez saw it four rounds for Tarasewich, two rounds for Casale and two rounds even. Judge Shain called the bout a draw, scoring it four rounds for each warrior and dead even on the supplementary points system that is used in New Jersey. The first round foul cost "the Russian" Judge Shain's vote and a split decision win.

▲NANUET, N.Y. — Duane Bobick is on the comeback trail, traveling with two new guides and a new weapon that he thinks will be effective against the head hunters who haunt the heavyweight jungle. Manager Joe Frazier and trainer Eddie Futch have been replaced by sportswriter David Wolfe and Murphy Griffith, who was the assistant trainer for Ron Lyle.

The first, and relatively easy prey was Jerry Thompkins, a hard bangor with a questionable chin, from Elizabeth New Jersey, who has been soundly thrashed by Dino Dennis, Mike Koranicki, and John Tate. The contest was staged before a crowd of approximately 1000, in the beautiful Star Theater, in Nanuet N.Y. Jerry came into the ring at a trim 199½. Bobick tipped the scales at 216½.

Duane took the opening heat with double jabs. Thompkins looked nervous, as he back-peddaled out of range. Jerry opened up in round two, catching Duane with a pair of stiff right uppercuts. If Bobick had initially planned to carry Thompkins for a few rounds, those two jolts quickly changed his game plan. A strong Bobick body assault soon had Jerry gasping for air. A right to the head hurt him. Late in the round Duane ripped an assortment of hard punches into Thompkins' midsection. The accumulation of punishment dropped Jerry in his own corner.

Thompkins struggled mightily to get up, as referee Joe Santavia tolled the fatal digits. Between the numbers nine and ten Jerry managed to arise, but Santavia finished the count and ruled it a knockout at 2:22 of round two. The crowd booed what they saw as a quick count.

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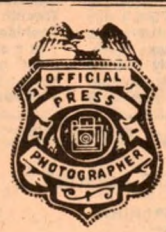

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LAS VEGAS

By SHIRLEY NORMAN

East met West in Las Vegas to give Strip boxing fans one of the most exciting bouts in the history of the Silver Slipper ring.

William "Red" Berry, from Trenton, New Jersey, clashed with Juan "Kid" Mesa from Los Angeles in an action-packed ten-round featherweight main event.

Both the 125 lb. fighters threw some divastating punches; but in the final scoring the decision went to Berry, as all three judges scored the bout 46-44.

Although Mesa had connected with a greater number of punches, Berry's skillful use of left jabs and hooks turned the decision to his favor.

Mesa staggered Berry with a wide right at the end of the first round; and later inflicted a cut in seventh, which had the victor bleeding for the final three rounds.

Both fighters slugged for the entire ten rounds; and each in turn had the other trapped against the ropes throughout the bout.

The decision was booed by much of the Silver Slipper crowd of 368; but Berry, in the judges' opinion, was the decisive winner.

In a scheduled eight-round semi-main heavyweight bout, Earl Tripp, 200, of Las Vegas, KO'd Verlee Price, 208 of Abilene, Texas, at 1:12 of the second round. The win puts Tripp back on a winning streak of early knockouts. The youngster had previously piled up five 1st-round knockouts, before losing a decision last month to Rahim Mohammed.

Another Trenton, New Jersey fighter, Willie "Duke" Daniels, 137, lost his second consecutive fight here as he was outpointed by Julio Mendez 135, of Chihuaha, Mexico. Mendez won a unanimous 6-round decision.

A Junior welterweight semi-main saw Bob Wilcott, 141, of Riverside, Calif, KO Adolpho Mendoza, 141 of Los Angeles. The knockout came at 1:01 of the fifth round in a scheduled six-rounder.

The card opener saw featherweights Angel Garcia, 127, Phoenix, Arizona, and Francisco Grullon, 125¼, Los Angeles, tangle to a six-round decision, with Garcia the winner.

The bout proved to be an exciting opener—as the feisty featherweights pounded at each other consistently. Grullon was penalized on point in the second round for holding.

▲Earl Large, The NABF Super Bantamweight champion, suffered the ultimate heartbreak of boxing—losing his title in the first defense.

Large lost a split decision—and the title-to Javier Flores, 121, of Clovis, New Mexico.

Their title bout was the main event of Sahara Fight Night, presented monthly by Tony Trudnich's Las Vegas Sports Promotion.

Large was lethargic throughout the bout; and his clever counter-punching skills, *a la* Jimmy Young, were missing through all twelve rounds.

The feisty Flores relied on flashy combinations to pile up points, and stayed closed to his opponent—avoiding Large's longer arms—dealing him some brutal brutal blows to the body.

The usually fast-moving Large was completely out-classed and out-pointed. Judges Harold Buck and Hal Miller scored the fight 56-52 in favor of Flores. Judge Art Lurie, however, pulled a suprise by calling the fight a 54-54 draw.

Nevertheless, Flores emerged with the majority decision, and the NABF Super Bantamweight title.

A scheduled ten-round bout between Jorge "Kid Dinamita" Morales, 139 of Los Angeles, and Augustin Estrada, 135, of El Paso Texas, ended in a fifth round TKO—with Morales the winner.

The blodd-and-thunder battle saw Kid Dynamite come off the canvas to take the final victory.

Morales was dumped to the Canvas in round one by an Estrada left hook. In round two, he was cut over the left eye; but assumed control of the fight. In the fourth round, Morales opened a gash from Estrada's nose to his lip. The cut has pierced clear through the Texan's flesh by the time of the final TKO.

In the opening bout of the title card, Joey "Pepi" Domingos, 138, of Whittier Calif., took an eighth round TKO over Jose Luis Solano, 137, of Guyamas, Mexico.

Solano was a last minute substitue for karate champion Howard Jackson, who was unable to make the 144-lb. weight.

Solano, fighting for the first time after a long lay-off, showed little aggression and power; and consistently backed away from Domingo's onslaught.

Domingo opened a nasty gash over Solano's right eye at the opening of the eighth round. The cut was so severe that ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo stopped the bout at 1:58 of the round.

▲Alonzo "Little Red Fox" Gonzalez put on as good a show for boxing fans as his mentor, comedian Redd Foxx, does for night club fans.

Gonzalez fought a ten-round main event against Jorge Ayala, 112, of Los Angeles, and emerged with a unanimous decision.

Little Red pitted all of his 111 pounds into wide lefts and straight rights that sent Ayala reeling from the first round on.

A Gonzalez right in the seventh round connected with Ayala's left eye—and the eye began to close.

Ayala, however, came back strong in the eighth round—his best of the bout.

By the start of the ninth, Ayala's eye was completely closed; and the crowd shouted to referee Joey Curtis to stop the fight. Curtis, paid no heed; and refused to consult the ring physician, Dr. Donald Romeo.

The cards of all three judges read 50-40, in favor of Gonzalez.

In a six-round battle of junior welterweights, Eddie Nuno, celebrated his professional debut in the ring wiht a TKO over Vicente Castro, 140, of Los Angeles. Castro hit the canvas at 2:36 of the fourth round. Although he got to his feet at the count of nine, he was in no shape to continue; and the fight stopped by referee Charley Roth.

A so-so-six rounder of middleweights saw Carlos Muro, 160, of Phoenix, Arizona, take a split decision over Bobby Swanson, also 160, of Phoenix, Arizona, take a split decision over Bobby Swanson, also 160, of Los Angeles.

In the card opener—the wildest fight of the night—Johnny Papin, 121, of Los Angeles, and Angel Garcia, 125 of Phoenix, Arizona, fought four rounds to a draw.

Both boxers were out for blood; and their savage third round was one of the most exciting ever seen in the Silver Slipper ring.

A walkout bout, following the main event, saw fili Ramirez, 136, of Los Angeles, take a unanimous six-round decision over Willie Daniels, 137 of Las Vegas.

▲Nicky Perez, of Tucson, Arizona, made short work of his opponent, Cesario Quinones, of Tijuana, Mexico; in the featherweight main event at the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

The 126-pound Perez pounded the Mexican national with such a brutal barrage of rights that referee Harry Krause stopped the fight at 2:11 of the second round.

Quinones, at 124 pounds, made the most of his southpaw style in confusing Perez—but a closed left eye hampered his efforts from the early moments of the first round.

In a six-round prelim of junior welterweights, Paul Franco, 141 of Los Angeles, pulled off a majority decision against Danny Samudio, 138 of Las Vegas. This was Franco's first professional fight—and his fighting style shows promise of greater things to come.

Another scheduled six-round prelim ended at 1:53 of the third round as Curtis Lewis, 141, of Los Angeles, kayoed his much lighter opponent, 135-pound Juan Rivera of Rijuana, Mexico.

A third six-round prelim saw an impressive young fighter, Bob Willcot, 141, of Riverside Calif., take a unanimous decision over Jesse James Castelbury, 140 of Los Angels.

In the card opener, Ricky Samudio, 140, of Las Vegas, took an easy four-round decision over William Van Cleef, 142, also of Las Vegas.

▲Roxelle "Rocky" Mosely, retained his Nevada State Junior Middleweight Title with the greatest of ease, as he took a unanimous decision over Henry Walker of Los Angeles.

Judge Harold Buck scored 60-49; Judges Hal Miller and Joe Swessel both scored 59-49.

Robby Epps, of Clovis New Mexico, maintain his undefeated record when he took a split decision over Lenny Harden 157¼ of Phoenix, Arizona.

Epps, who might well become the hope of the middleweight division, boasts a 16-0 record, at the tender age of nineteen.

Epps was decked in the third round—and again in the tenth. But he came back both times to fight a brilliant battle, rocking Harden with solid rights and combinations.

Epps and Harden were enmeshed in a tangling of feet in the tenth round. Harden pushed, Epps hit the canvas, but survived to win the dscision.

Jorge "Kid Dynamite" Morales, 138 of Los Angeles, fought his best fight yet in a Las Vegas ring, when he kayoed Rudy Hernandez, 138, of Norwalk Calif. The kayo came in the 6th round of their scheduled ten-rounder.

▲Arturo Leon plied his considerable talents in the Silver Slipper ring at the expense of Julip Mendez, Phoenix, Arizona.

Leon, 134½, of Tuscon, Arizona was in complete command in the main event of the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week.

In the second round, he caught Mendez with two solid lefts to the head, sending the Mexican reeling to the ropes.

Leon stunned Mendez again in the third with a left-right combination that sent put Medez' right knee to the canvas.

The fourth round was more Leon magic—as the hapless Mendez gamely defended himself against his opponents brutal and constant punches.

In the fifth, Leon landed two that sent Mendez to the canvas for the count of five. Mendez recovered to last out that round and the sixth as well.

However, the spunky Mendez too groggy to answer the bell for the seventh round; and the fight was stopped by his corner after consultation with ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo.

In a scheduled six-round semi-main, James Waire, 159 of Los Angeles, scored a TKO over Irish Pat Coffee, 154 of Los Angeles, at 56 seconds of the third round. Waire's lethal inside punches were too much for the fighting Irishman. Coffee was dropped to one knee in tthe second round—and again in the third before the final knockout.

In a four-round junior lightweight preliminary, Jesse James Castleberry, 141, of Las Vegas, took a unanimous decision over Ronnie Turner, 141 of Los Angeles.

The heavyweight card opener saw another unanimous decision as Kelly Green, 205, Las Vegas, won over Mark McNeeley, 215, Philadelphia. Both boxers were fighting their first professional bout.

▲Mario Chavez, 114 of Los Angeles, scored a fifth round TKO over Tito Arzate, 115, also of Los Angeles.

The event was the Silver Slipper's Strip Fight of the Week. And the Chavez-Arzate main event saw a barrel of action.

The first two rounds were evenly fought—but the tide turned in the third as Chavez jabbed and countered throughout the round—and continued his attack through the fourth.

Chavez dealt Arzate a short left uppercut to the jaw, with one minute left in the fourth round. Arzate got to his feet as the bell sounded; but ring physician Dr. Donald Romeo stopped the fight—giving Chavez a fifth round TKO victory.

In a semi-main, Juan "Kid" Mesa, 126 of Los Angeles, demolished Jose Martin Garcia, 126 of Phoenix in one round.

With forty seconds remaining in the round, Mesa staggered Garcia, twice—with two consecutive left hooks. This was followed with a stright righ, left right hook combination that sent Garcia to the canvas. The fight was stopped by Dr. Romeo to avoid serious injury to Garcia, had he fought a second round.

In a six-round preliminary, Robert Cervantes, 132, Los Angeles, won a split decision over Don Juan Cornelius, 135, Sacramento.

The most exciting fight of the night saw Jesse James Castelberry, 140, Las Vegas, take a unanimous decision over Roland Brookter, 137, Sacramento.

Castelberry was at his fighting best, dedicating this bout to his manager, Travis Hatfield, who had died the night before the fight. This was Castelberry's first victory in four tries.

In the opening prelim, Manuel Romero, 161 of Los Angeles, KO's Terry Gardner, 160 of Las Vegas at 1:48 of the fourth round, in their scheduled four-rounder.

NEBRASKA NIBBLINGS

By ROBERT J. RUIZ

OMAHA—Making it three straight on the comeback trail, Omaha's Dale Hernandez, 137, gutted out a hard fought win over tough Johnny Summerhays, 137, Ontario, Canada before 3,211 over the ten-round distance.

It was a greuling contest of two finely honed athletes. For Dale, it was espcially frustrating against an opponent who held and mauled at every opportunity. However, when the mood struck, Summerhays was capable of short, vicious bursts of fire-power that made Dale wince often.

Hernandez, aiming for bigger things, gave away height and reach to Summerhays but more than made up for it with superior punching power. Three different times Dale had the Canadian on the verge, particularly with those big Hernandez guns to the mid-section but always Summerhays would wrestle his way out of trouble. Consistency of attack and style prevailed as Dale won the unanimous verdict. Dale is now 31-2. Johnny, 33-6-1.

In the co-main event scheduled for ten rounds, Ron Stander, 229, Council Bluffs, Iowa needed only one round to rid Big Bill Jackson, 215, Muncie, Indiana of his senses. After some light sparring, Stander drove home a solid right to the gut and Jackson was through for the night, knock out at 1:54 of the opener.

In teh semis: Cautious Randy Nelson, 174, Lincoln Nebraska, won a five-round decision over game but outgunned Monty Cady, 175, Lincoln. Omaha's classy rookie, Lupe Guera, 215, TKO'd Poasi Tomi, 212, Kansas City, Mo. in round two. Lupe now 3-0. Undefeated Denverite J.J. Cottrell, 150, looked sharp putting away Jim Hearn, 150, Omaha, with a clean knockout in round two. Last minute sub. C.B. Brown, 137, Des Moines, lost a close decision to Charlie Evans, 139, Omaha, four rds.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

ST. PAUL,—Promoter Bill Kane put on a club show at the Auditorium before a small turnout of 947 fans.

In the main event, veteran Fred Askew, 218, Minneapolis, scored a sixth round technical knockout over Chuck Gardner, 218, Minneapolis, when referee Geroge Reiter stopped the contest. It was Askew's first match in a couple of years.

Gardner controlled the fight most of the way until the sixth round when Askew unleashed a non-stop barrage of punches that had Gardner out on his feet. Several times Askew asked teh referee to stop the contest as Gardner could no longer defend himself. Finally, the referee agreed and halted the action.

The victory gave Askew a career record of 15-14-1; Gardner slipped to 6-2-0.

Gary Holmgren, 148, St. Paul making a comeback after a year and a half off, lost a six round decision to smoothie Tyrone Wren, 147½, Kansas City. Holmgren is 16-3-0, Wren, 6-2-0.

Chuck Daszkiewicz, 151, Minneapolis (7-0-0), stopped overmatched Donnie London, 150, Little Rock (0-3-0), in the third round.

Rocky McCaleb, 206, Rochester (6-0-1), decisioned Marc Hans, 186, Minneapolis (7-9-0), in four.

Steve Krueger, Minneapolis (1-0-0), stopped Paul Johnson of St. Paul (2-1-0), in the third round of a middleweight bout.

Rick Nelson, 168, St. Paul (3-0-0), stopped inept James Coleman, 167, Little Rock, in the first round.

Gordie Kampa, 163, St. Paul (1-0-0), outpointed Terry Jesmer, 162, Winnipeg (2-2-0), in four.

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MICKEY WALKER

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Mickey had to give up the middleweight crown in order to fight Sharkey. His plans for the big title were eliminated when Max Schmeling knocked him out in eight rounds in Long Island on September 26, 1932. Walker took a battering in that one.

Mickey again tried to win the 175-pound diadem, losing a decision to Maxie Rosenbloom in Madison Square Garden on November 3, 1933. Mick licked Maxie in a return bout in L.A., but Rosenbloom's crown was not at stake.

Walker's career ended on November 24, 1935, when European middleweight champ Eric Seelig stopped him with an accidental butt in seven rounds in New York City.

Mickey had some great careers after he stopped fighting, too. He became a night club entertainer, a sports columnist (*Police Gazette*), and host of his own night club, on Eighth Avenue in New York City, an "in" hang-out for the fight and show biz crowd for years.

Mick is also well known as an artist. His paintings have hung in some well known museums, including New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Walker is now living in a nursing home in New Jersey. It's been over forty years since he laced a glove in competition, but fight fans have not forgotten the Toy Bulldog, and they never will.

KUDO OUTPOINTS GAZO FOR JR. MIDDLE CROWN

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all in the previous year.

Kudo dominated the eleventh round by aggressively tossing good one-twos at the face of Gazo after they sometimes broke away from repeated clinches.

The twelfth round witnessed the third man order a penalty of one point against Gazo because of his too frequent holding.

In the last three rounds, the crowd of estimated 5,500 found nothing new in comparison with their hit-and-grab proceedings.

It resulted in a less spectacular showing despite the encounter of such sturdy fighters.

Kudo was born in 1951, and grew up to be an all-around athlete in high school after his hungry life as the seventh and youngest son of the widow. He commenced learning how to fight while he served in the Japan Self Defense after his graduation. Kudo turned pro at twenty-two years of age. It was only in his sixth pro outing that Kudo became the national middleweight champion, beating Nobuyoshi Ozaki in an eliminator of ten rounds in March, 1975.

Defeating Yuji Miyagoshi twice, Takeshi Izumi, Yichiro Watanabe twice, Saburo Sakai, Peter Namboku and Katsuo Eto, the Japanese footworker could not find any formidable men in domestic cards. Standing at 5'8", it was lucky Kudo was not so big a middleweight as to have trouble making the weight, and successfully prepared himself for the 154-pound limit. Kudo was a smart Fancy Dan rather than a solid puncher, for he had registered eleven previous knockouts by his combination punching.

Kudo, who worked as a lunch delivery man, lives with his wife Kazue and two-year-old son Masayuki in an economically simple home. After the bout, the dejected Gazo dryly said, "I will hang up gloves, because I have obtained sufficient dollars by my title defenses. Kudo was a lucky guy to seize the crown." Gazo's record dropped to 38-5-2 (twenty kayos). Kudo, with joyful tears, frankly reviewed the competition and said, "I thought I was one point behind when the final round began. So I made my best efforts with weary arms. I am happy."

Masashi Kudo became the sixteenth Japanese world champion historically, but the title contest was one of the worst performances historically.

We must expect Kudo's first defense to be a better fight, and for Kudo himself to display his favorite combinations more effectively.

The triumph of the local favorite Kudo barely offset the bad impression of the spectators and many TV watchers after the uninteresting contest.

In a semi-final ten, Japan's top lightweight contender, Kiyoshi Kazama, 137¾, knocked out former Shinjin-o (Novice king) winner Shoichi Kumada, 139, in the eighth round.

In another supporting ten, flyweight puncher Nobuyuki Watanabe, 112, scored a tko over taller Masaru Fuji, 111½, in the eighth session.

LIRA KAYOES GANIGAN

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They thought that because he was unranked (except by *The Ring*, which listed him as the number thirteen contender in the U.S.), he would be a pushover for the hometown hero, Ganigan.

"I gotta give credit to Tocco," Lira said when he returned to Las Vegas to accept Ring's U.S. title trophy. "We worked in private, in our hotel room in Honolulu. We had a plan and I followed it. Now I hope I can get some big money fights."

Lira, who works for a boys club in Chicago when he's not fighting and tries to steer youngsters away from the life he once led, has been offered another fight in Honolulu, but is also considering an offer from Madison Square Garden.

In prelims: Jose Caba, 126, Dominican Republic, TKO'd Hisamu Mizuno, 125¾, Japan, in the third round of a scheduled ten.

Malo Fale, 129½, Honolulu, TKO'd Pasqual Villareal, 128, Los Angeles, in three.

James M. Waire, Los Angeles, stopped Dave Meadows, 157½, Honolulu, in three.

Rey Carino, 118¼, Honolulu, outpointed Freddie Estrella, 118¼, Honolulu, four.

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LONE STAR ACTION

By HARLAN HAAS

▲HOUSTON — One of the finest action cards of the year as far as boxing in Houston is concerned was unfolded at Ruben Guerra's Latin World Arena the night Baby Perez, 135, San Antonio, boxed brilliantly to score a sixth round knockout over veteran campaigner Jimmy "Zurdo" Martinez, 139, Houston. What action. Martinez tried to carry the fight to the classy Baby from the Alamo City, but he was repeatedly met with a barrage of combination shots and finall was felled by a left hook and right cross to the jaw for the full count.

In a riotious ten-rounder Torito Rivas, 151, San Antonio, earned the duke over rugged John English, 147, Spring Branch, and what a war this one turned out to be. It was a savage you hit me and I'll hit you type of pier sixer that had the crowd standing and yelling themselves hoarse. My sombrero is off to both fighters who gave a helluva effort and this was club fighting at its very best.

▲HOUSTON — The two ten-round main bouts of Promoter Bill Meyer's Coliseum card were very brief. Maurice "Termite" Watkins and Melvin Dennis, a pair of former National amateur champs from Houston, were expected to win but not as quickly as they did.

Termite, 138, Houston, landed one good shot to the jaw of Ricky Craney, 138, Waterville, Maine and it was all over in 1:26 of the opening round. Craney never had a prayer of a chance against Watkins who was winning his 41st fight against two losses (Nani Marerro and Augustine Estrada have beaten him) and one draw. The Termite has been boxing pro for four years now and tougher opposition is in order and more likely next on the agenda-possibly a title fight.

TEXAS TIDINGS

By FRED HERRERA

▲EL PASO — Carl Ivy of Tyler, Texas, the man who beat Leon Spinks twice as an amateur, came to El Paso for a ten-round main event bout against a local boy, Leno Puentes, and Ivy went away a winner. The match was held at the Civic Center.

The judges gave the 6-foot-1, 180-pounder a unanimous decision over the El Paso light heavyweight. Puentes once fought in the welterweight ranks. He is 34 years old and close to retiring.

Ivy was a three-time All-Navy champion, and it was during those days that he defeated Spinks, first during the 1972 U.S. Olympic trials at Forth Worth—Ivy knocked out Spinks—and via a decision in the finals of the 1973 North Carolina Golden Gloves Championships.

There were no knockdowns. Ivy fought stand-up style against the 5-8 Puentes, who resorted to counterpunching. Ivy suffered a broken right hand, while Puentes was cut on the left eyebrow. Ivy's pro record stands at 11-2. Puentes is 23-8.

Tony Gonzalez of Las Cruces, N.M., working his way toward a possible rematch with world welterweight contender Andy Price, knocked out Mario Arzate of Juarez at 2:36 of the second round in the scheduled 10-round semi-main event on the United Productions card.

There were about 1,700 persons in attendance.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST BOXING NEWS

By RUGGLES LARSON

▲SEATTLE, WASHINGTON—Willie Baldwin, 156, Seattle, Wash., upset Steve Moyer, 154, Portland, Oregon, by scoring a unanimous six-round decision in the main event of promoter Bob Jarvis' initial talent boxing show. The promotion drew 1,246 fans, grossing $7,000.

In the other half of the double six-round main events, Eddie Rodgers, 136, Snohomish, Wash., kayoed Don Juan Cornelius, 137, Sacramento, in the fifth rounds. Rodgers also picked up an extra one hundred dollars for being named the "fighter of the night."

▲TACOMA, WASHINGTON—Tacoma's 1976 Olympic gold medalist, Leo Randolph, won his second professional fight by scoring an eight-round decision over Tony Reed of Chicago at Kansas City, Mo. Leo weighed 122 pounds.

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SACRAMENTO AND VICINITY

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

▲STOCKTON—Fel Clemente just about assured himself of a title bout with WBC featherweight champ Danny Lopez when he scored a convincing ten-round decision over Mexico's Ernesto Herrera. Clemente was an easy winner although he never came close to flooring his opponent.

This was the fifth time that Clemente, originally from the Philippines, has headlined at the Stockton Civic Auditorium this year.

Clemente, 126, earned the victory by keeping his fast hands busy around Herrera's head. In Herrera's previous outing he was kayoed by WBA champ Eusebio Pedroza in the thirteenth. Clemente's last fight was a split decision lose to Raul Tirado. This match resulted in a unanimous decision; referee Marty Salmon scored it 97-93, judge Elmer Costa had it 98-93, and Bob Mitchell had it 97-94.

Benny Georgino, manager of Danny Lopez, said after the fight: "Clemente deserves a shot. If they want it, they've got it. We'll even have it in Stockton." Danny Thompson, manager of Clemente, said: "I'd like to have Fel take a tune-up, just to stay sharp. Then we'll be ready for Lopez." Ready perhaps, but Clemente is a notoriously light hitter and will have to come up with some device to keep Lopez off of him.

MIDWEST ACTION

By RON COPHER

▲KANSAS CITY—Hometown favorite Tony Chiaverini won a close unanimous decision over Renata Garcia of Chile and Los Angeles here at Municipal Auditorium before a crown of 3,682.

Garcia, a onetime contender who had lost his last seven bouts coming into the encounter, gave Chiaverini a much tougher fight than had been expected. Most of the rounds were close as neither fighter could seem to establish his dominance in the fight.

Chiaverini, who was the aggressor, seemed to have an edge in the early rounds as Garcia was trying to solve the southpaw style of the Kansas City fighter. Beginning in the third round Garcia began to score well with right uppercuts to the body of Chiaverini to get back into the fight.

Chiaverini, 159, had his best round of the bout in the seventh. He seemed to stun Garcia, 161½ twice with southpaw left hands and also had the Chilean bleeding from the nose. Also in this round referee Eloda Morrison took one point away from Garcia for what he termed "rassling."

▲KANSAS CITY—Veteran Johnny Heard, 159, of Chicago scored a technical knockout early in the second round over Tony McMinn, 161, of Quapaw, Okla., in a scheduled twelve-round bout. The fight was billed as an elimination bout for the United States Boxing Association title, the winner being promised a chance at the title held by Sugar Ray Seales.

THE SUNNY SOUTH

By JOEL LIPSITT

HOLIDAY INN RIVERMONT, MEMPHIS, TENN.8It took a third consective trip to Memphis by the fighting Hallacy brothers of Wichita, Kanasas, to finally have one of them come up a loser; not a bad record.

In the ten-round lightheavyweight main event before about one thousand fans, a swarming taunting Ed "Savage" Turner, 179, Memphis, just missing a KO in the eighth canto, hammered out a unanimous upset decision win over a very sluggish Ned Hallacy, 178, who, surprisingly for a Hallacy battler, was badly out of shape.

Turner, a former Orlando, Florida product with an unorthdox style, had Hallacy in deep trouble on the ropes in the eighth but couldn't put him away.

"I felt he wasn't steady after I go to him in that eighth round," Turner said, "I could have put him away, but I rushed him too hard instead of accurately punching away."

It was the twentieth victory in twenty-nine outings for Turner, while Hallacy lost for the fourth time in twenty fights.

In other results, welterweight Pat Hallacy, 145, Ned's nineteen-year-old brother extended his unbeaten string to 11-0 with a six-round decision win over Memphian crowd-pleaser Clarence Gilmore.

ALABAMY

By BOB LOWERY

BOUTWELL AUDITORIUM, BIRMINGHAM—The South rose again as promoter Ronnie Ross brought pro boxing back to the Heart of Dixie for the first time in twenty-three years. The near capacity crowd of 3,750 was treated to a five-bout card headed by North American junior middleweight Champion Edgar "Mad Dog" Ross, who entered the ring dressed in confederate grey trunks bedecked with rebel flags.

Ross' patient start against Daytona, Florida's young, hopeful A.W. Muhammed (10-3) made the "underdog" crowd roar as Muhammed's reach and speed caught Ross repeatedly. The third and fourth rounds saw Ross control most of the action, and his body punches dropped Muhammed for the full count in round four. Edgar's ability to cut off the ring and his relentless attack just may win the Pete Ashlock-managed battler the world junior middle-weight title. Edgar's record is now 54-1-2 with fourty knockouts.

Other bouts had classy, young Curtis Taylor (Atlanta, Ga.) having his way with James Wallace before stopping him in the third round. The ex-marine champ and once room-mate of Leon Spinks had an outstanding amateur career (93-4), losing in the Olympic Trials to Sugar Ray Leonard. Heavyweight Larry Alexander (Nashville Tenn.) "Gorilla" Joe Griffin of Atlanta in 2:50 of the first round.

Junior middleweight "King Arthur" Body won a unanimous decision over Daytona, Florida's Lonnie Washington in six non-stop, well fought rounds that the crowd standing and cheering.

The combination of receptive, sports hungry fans and the new crop of young Southern-based fighters should lead to monthly fight cards for Alabama Sports Promotions.

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